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6 alleged 'ice' traffickers fall

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Six suspected methamphetamine or "ice" traffickers on Saipan were arrested in separate CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force operations over the weekend.

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The suspects were identified as Joshua Sablan Diaz, 34; Song Joon Park, 41; Li Hui Shi, 41; Yi Chuan Bai, 33; Shou Fu Zhang, 33; and In Jun Cho, 38.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed



Making agriculture productive in a time of climate change

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One U.S. farm feeds 166 people annually in the U.S. and abroad, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation. With global population expected to increase to 2.2 billion by 2050, the world's farmers would have to grow about 70% more food than what is now being produced.

Yet farmers also have to contend with the impacts of climate change, such as reduced arable lands, floods, wildfires, and reduced availability of freshwater.

That would require finding ways to adapt to a changing environment, especially among islanders, who are already faced with limited availability of freshwater.

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Division of Agriculture director Jack Ogumoro eats a freshly picked okra in the high tunnel farm at the CNMI Division of Agriculture office in Kagman.

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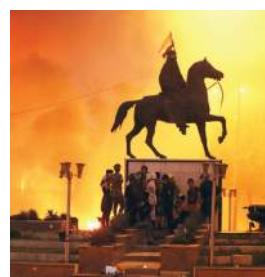
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2020 Saipan Marathon Registration Now Open!



Registration is now open for the 2020 Saipan Marathon in The Marianas on March 14, 2020.

Have you been dreaming of joining a marathon? This is your year! The 2020 Saipan Marathon will include courses for Full Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, and, for the first time in the marathon's history, 5K. It's easier than ever now to make an inspirational reboot to your personal fitness, give your youngsters a taste of the love of running, or fulfill that life-long dream to participating in a marathon.

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) has opened registration via webscorer.com, with separate sites for:

International
(<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=196894>)
US/CNMI Residents
(<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=197420>)

Best prices and benefits await those who register by Feb. 14, 2020. Registration includes the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion. Those who register by Feb. 14, 2020, will have their names included in the official 2020 Saipan Marathon booklet and on the finishers photo backdrop and will receive a personalized race bib. Additional fees for these benefits will apply after Feb. 14, 2020. Valid photo id is required to register.

The cut-off time for the full marathon will be 8:30 a.m. at the half-way point. There is no cut-off time for the Half Marathon, 10K or 5K. All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on March 13, 2020, at American Memorial Park. Pickup times are 3-4 p.m. for team/groups/tour groups/etc. and 4-6 p.m. for individuals only. Saipan Marathon has been certified by the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) and the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS).

For more information, visit The Marianas Calendar at www.mymarianas.com or contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ed Diaz at 1.670.664.3210 or ediaz@mymarianas.com.

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A bi-weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

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NMI govt settles with Guerrero

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DPW begins work on Kagman Road

The Department of Public Works is set to begin construction work on Route 34, commonly known as Kagman Road.

The contractor for this project is USA Fanter and "Notice to Proceed" is on Oct. 21, 2019. The NTP signifies that all necessary permitting, legal, and financial requirements have been met and construction could now proceed.

The road has been damaged due to an adjacent creek that has eroded it. Endangered species had also been found in the area. This prompted a hold on the construction until the U.S. Fish & Wildlife gave it the go-signal, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Highway Administration-Hawaii also agreed for the construction to proceed and gave it funding support.

The project aims to repair pavement separation parallel to the road; roadway paving with anti-skid; installation of road markings, signages, and

supports to prevent slope instability. The construction cost is \$846,000. Completion for this project is projected to be June 16, 2020.

Motorists traversing along the area are advised to take caution along the construction site as the inclined single-lane roadway would bottleneck for on-site workers and heavy equipment. DPW encourages the public to exercise caution and be courteous of road workers and to follow posted traffic control signs.

"The need to address Kagman Road is of particular importance as this is the sole roadway that serves Kagman residents," said DPW Secretary James A. Ada.

The Kagman Road or Route 34 is a territorial route that is fully funded through the Federal Highway Administration. For further comments or concerns, individuals or groups could contact Highway administrator Lorraine M. Seaman at 234-9838. (PR)

Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Guerrero against seven Department of Corrections officers that he sued over the injuries he suffered when an inmate allegedly beat him up inside DOC.

The parties in Guerrero's lawsuit asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday to dismiss the case with prejudice following their negotiated

settlement. That means Guerrero could no longer re-file his lawsuit.

The parties informed the court that they want to dismiss all the claims in Guerrero's lawsuit and that each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs. The terms of the settlement agreement were not disclosed.

Guerrero represented himself in the case. He agreed

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Zen garden eyed for Banzai peace memorial

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The Marianas Visitors Authority wants to transform the Japanese Peace Memorial in Banzai Cliff in Marpi into a tranquil Zen garden and the agency is working right now on the architectural and engineering design for the project.

"We want to make sure whatever we put, however it is designed, will be a safe place for everybody," said MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce in an interview Friday.

The move to create a Zen garden—which would create a space for calmness and meditation—is part of efforts to beautify Banzai Cliff. Right now,

the area is more of a memorial, with Japanese statues dedicated to honor the memory of those who died during World War II, and there is no place to sit down, no place to just contemplate life, meditate, or relax.

By creating a Zen garden, Banzai Cliff can become a place where people can enjoy tranquility, the ocean, and the scenery, Aldan-Pierce said.

"So, what we want to do is turn that to a Zen place, a place where people can truly go and walk. Zen is a calming place," she said.

Part of that plan is to break up the concrete, install landscaping, and transform it into a place where people can go and enjoy the peacefulness.

Aldan-Pierce said they just started the project and hope to have it done by next year. As to how much the project would cost, she said they are not quite sure yet until they finish the architectural and engineering design.

The Nenpou Shinkyu Denomination from Japan visits Banzai Cliff yearly.

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Veterans and their families join Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios after yesterday's proclamation signing of November as CNMI Veterans and Military Families Month, and Nov. 5 to 11 as CNMI Veterans Week.

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Nov. focus on veterans

The month of November has been proclaimed as the CNMI Veterans and Military Families Month, with Nov. 5 to 11, as CNMI Veterans Week.

The occasion is intended to honor the generations of men and women of the Marianas who have served in the nation's armed forces, including the more than 1,000 service members and veterans in the CNMI. The proclamation also recognized veterans who bore the disabilities and scars of military service, as well as the spouses, children and parents of veterans.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres made the designation yesterday at the Office of the Gov-

ernor in the presence of veterans, their families, CNMI officials, and representatives of law enforcement agencies in the CNMI.

On Monday, Nov. 11, 11am, the community is invited to celebrate Veterans Day, with a ceremony at the Court of Honor of the American Memorial Park in Garapan. (Iva Maurin)

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Vexatious litigants require judge's OK

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Vexatious litigants are now required to get the approval of a judge before they could file any lawsuits in the future, according to a recently enacted law.

Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota), who was the acting governor at the time, signed into law last Oct. 30, 2019, Rep. Janet Maratita's (R-Saipan) House Bill 21-26, which requires vexatious litigants to first get the approval of a judge before they could

file any lawsuits in the future. This is now known as Public Law 21-11.

Vexatious litigants, according to P.L. 21-11, is defined as a person who, in the immediately preceding seven years, has commenced, prosecuted or maintained on his or her own behalf at least five litigations other than in small claims court that have been finally determined adversely to the person or unjustifiably permitted to remain pending at least two years without having been brought to trial or hearing and repeatedly relitigates

or attempts to relitigate on his or her own behalf the same or similar cases repeatedly.

"The Legislature recognizes that Commonwealth courts have been burdened with frivolous litigation, which is straining the judicial system and interfering with the effective administration of civil justice," the legislation noted.

"...The cost of litigation in the Commonwealth can be extremely expensive and even a party that wins his or her case often is subject to significant damage in the time lost and the expense of

the defense," it added.

The legislation noted that, without preventing vexatious litigants from repeatedly filing litigation that were already previously filed and dismissed, even simple civil cases "cost more than a hundred thousand dollars to defend."

"Some people are addicted to litigation. Others are convinced that they are right and will keep finding excuses to sue if they can. The people are often insolvent and thus represent themselves and get special waivers of filing fee from the courts because they

are indigent. Meanwhile, the defendant(s) continue to pay large amounts of money on

defense and have no choice as to whether to incur the defense costs," the legislation noted.

In other jurisdictions, lawyers who participate in potentially vexatious litigations run the risk of being disbarred.

from the two during a sting operation last Oct. 25 at their home in Dandan. The "cooperating source" was allegedly able to buy again \$540 worth "ice" from the two last Oct. 28.

In Bai's case, DETF said that it was Bai who delivered the drugs to Park and Shi at the Oct. 25 and 28 sting operations.

In Zhang's case, DETF said their "cooperating source" managed to buy \$600 worth of "ice" from Zhang last Oct. 2 near a store in Chalan Piao.

In the second operation, the "cooperating source" was able to buy \$450 worth of "ice" from Zhang last Oct. 16 near a bank in Garapan.

In the case against Cho, DETF said their "cooperating source" was able to buy \$100 worth of "ice" from the defendant at his house in Garapan last Sept. 18.

DETF said the "cooperating source" was again able to buy \$100 worth of "ice" from Cho at his residence last Nov. 19.

It cited a World Bank report that the Philippines is projected to grow from a lower-middle income country to an upper-middle income country in the near future due to its sustained average annual growth of 6.3%.

Further, the executive order noted the Philippines' removal from the eligibility list for H-2A and H-2B non-immigrant worker program by U.S. DHS in January 2019. "... It is the position of the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio administration that the addition of the Philippines to both these programs would facilitate increased economic growth to Guam's overall economy," the order noted.

It added that the Philippine's Duterte administration, former Guam governor Carl Gutierrez, and the chief adviser on Economic Development National and International Affairs, or EDNIA, had held multiple meetings expressing support to add the Philippines to both the visa waiver program and the H-2A and H-2B non-immigrant worker programs.

Leon Guerrero directed the chief adviser for EDNIA to work with the State and Homeland Security secretaries; work with volunteer members of the Guam community for their expertise and resources; consult outside experts; and submit a report with recommendations and supporting documents to the Guam governor by March 1, 2020.

House OKs fiscal report mandate for govt agencies

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The House of Representatives has unanimously backed a bill that would mandate government agencies that would be affected by future legislations to submit financial impact statements to the Legislature.

The House passed Rep. Ivan A. Blanco's (R-Saipan) House Bill 21-34, HD1 at the Oct. 28, 2019, session. The bill would require autonomous and non-autonomous government agencies to submit fiscal impact statements and a fiscal revenue impact statements for related leg-

islations to the Legislature when affected.

Blanco noted in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* that the goal is to help lawmakers have timely, accurate, and meaningful information before making decisions through legislation and prevent lawmakers from "shooting in the dark."

"...We need accurate data from the agencies themselves. The [Office of the Attorney General] had issued its input that the fiscal [and] revenue information can be done at the Legislature. Unfortunately, the data we receive may not reflect the true effects. I feel it's best when it comes from the

agencies themselves, so that, for example, when it comes to the budget process, we are on the same page," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Blanco noted in an example that the House recently passed legislation that would impose entrance fees for tourists visiting Marpi.

"...We passed legislation to charge fees for tourists visiting Marpi. However, [the Department of Lands and Natural Resources] or [the Marianas Visitors Authority] had not shared how many tourists visit those sights, how much revenue can be realized, and finally, whether and how to distribute such

revenues," he noted.

"If the revenue is minuscule, is it necessary to further slice the pie into smaller pieces?" That was one of the questions that Blanco said needed to be answered.

"...A statute will compel [agencies to] provide fiscal and revenue information, upon request, especially for those legislations that affect their agencies. The bill only applies when [a legislative] committee invokes this bill in its request to an agency," he added.

The legislation now heads to the Senate for review and action.

High tunnels are structures, usually covered with a layer of plastic and use solar heat, that are used by farmers to extend their crops' growing season.

"The high tunnel is just another tool to allow farmers to

plant crops that are seasonal," Ogunmoro said. "As a result, the plants, which are seasonal and grow at only certain time of the year, can be grown [for a] longer [period]. They can extend their [production period], they can survive, they can continue to produce and that's because of the tunnel."

One of these adaptation methods is the use of high tunnels in farming.

For instance, with the high

tunnel, if a farmer has a crop that only grows during the dry season, that plant can continue to grow even when the rainy season comes. The time the plant can continue to produce gets extended.

Right now, the Division of Agriculture has seven high tunnels, two of which have yet to be handed over to Rota and Tinian. The DA team is planning to go to both islands next month to set up the high tunnels.

The high tunnels are funded through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, a fed-

eral program under the Agricultural Marketing Services within the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It is our obligation to ensure that we reduce [activities] that contribute to climate change," Ogunmoro said. "We are now experiencing the frequency of typhoons here as a result of climate change. Folks in other parts of the world have been using this [high tunnel]. We are trying them out to experiment whether this is a good solution for our community here in the CNMI."

Unit officers Fred Billy, Marvin Seman, and Leanna P. Quitugua.

Guerrero is serving a six-year prison term for sexual abuse of a girl.

Guerrero alleged that inmate John Kileleman, who is mentally ill, beat him up when he tried to pacify him from beating another inmate in DOC last Jan. 14.

In April 2019, Guerrero filed his original complaint against 14 DOC officials and Kileleman.

Guerrero then filed his first amended complaint against seven defendants. He did not include Kileleman as defendant.

MAKING

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able land areas, according to Division of Agriculture director Jack Ogunmoro.

"There is just so many things that are happening as a result of climate change, and some, if not most, will directly impact us," Ogunmoro said. "The best we can do is to find ways to adapt to our environment."

One of these adaptation methods is the use of high tunnels in farming.

GUERRERO

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to the dismissal of the case. The other signatories in the agreement are Office of the Attorney General Civil Division chief Christopher M. Timmons and assistant attorney general Michael L. Ernest.

Timmons is counsel for the CNMI and defendants in their official capacities. Ernest is counsel for defendants in their personal capacities.

Last September, the U.S. marshal or deputy marshal served the summons and complaint to the seven defendants

in their personal capacities: DOC officers Joaquin Sablan, Manuela Guerrero, Rachel Rebueng, Jose Castro, Lynnae Cabrera, Eloy Dela Cruz, and Keith Lizama.

The summons and complaint were served after U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona found that Guerrero had stated an Eighth Amendment claim in his complaint against the seven prison officials for failure to protect him from violence at the hands of another prisoner.

Manglona gave Guerrero permission to file a second amended complaint by Aug. 2, 2019, to cure deficiencies in

his claims against seven other prison officials and his request for injunctive relief.

Guerrero, however, failed to file the second amended complaint.

Last July, Manglona dismissed Guerrero's amended lawsuit against seven current and former DOC officials and employees.

Manglona ruled that Guerrero, who is also an inmate, failed to state a claim against seven other defendants—former DOC commissioner Vince Attao, pretrial director Jose K. Pangelinan, captain Pius Yaroitemal, shift supervisor Romualdo Teregeyo Jr., and Professional Standard

USCG, UH Mānoa agree to boost student opportunities

HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard has signed a memorandum of agreement with the University of Hawaii at Mānoa as part of the Coast Guard's Minority-Serving Institutions Partnership Program for increased student opportunities.

The partnership agreement is designed to optimize outreach and engagement efforts and have program participants

work in conjunction with the Coast Guard's overall civilian and military officer recruitment efforts.

Central to this partnership is the Coast Guard's College

Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative scholarship program that is available to students enrolled at minority serving institutions such as UH. There are currently four CSPI stu-

dents enrolled at UH Mānoa and two at UH Hilo.

UH Mānoa is one of 132 Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions nationwide par-

ticipating in the CSPI program. There are currently 11 students enrolled in the CSPI program between Hawaii and Guam, with more than half in the UH 10 campus system. (PR)



SUPPORT POURS FOR CLUB 200

Bank of Guam vice president Marci Tomokane presents a \$15,000 check to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter. Also pictured are ARC board members and staff, along with the Bank of Guam team.

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The Shack owners Glenn Hunter and Henry Worswick pledge their support for the American Red Cross, with a donation of over \$5,000 toward the 2019 American Red-NMI Chapter's Club 200 Gala.

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Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. president Jimmy Tim Chau Hau, along with his team, presents a \$2,500 check to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter to support the annual Club 200 fundraising event. John Hirsh, executive director of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, along with board members and staff, received the donation, saying Mobil has been and continues to be a major supporter of the American Red Cross in the CNMI.

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Home surveillance gets video of alleged burglar

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A home in Koblerville that was burglarized last week was able to obtain a surveillance video

recording of the alleged burglar and has given the footage to police for identification of the suspect.

The Department of Public Safety has released a frame



This frame grab from a surveillance video footage shows the man suspected of robbing a Koblerville home last Oct. 30. The suspect had a dark shirt that covered his face and has a tattoo on his upper right arm.

and apprehend the suspect.

The owners gave police officers surveillance footage and were able to identify a male individual with a dark shirt

covering his face, walking through the home. Other noticeable features of the suspect include a "distinct tattoo" on his upper right arm.

The case is ongoing and DPS urges the community to provide any information about the suspect/incident. Residents are urged to call 911 or call the CNMI Crime Stoppers at (670) 234-7272 if they want to remain anonymous.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a **Special Board meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

- I. Preliminary Matters
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Reading of the Notice of the Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments**
- III. CUC-CPA Omnibus Settlement Agreement
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Announcements
- VI. Adjournment

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda maybe modified during the meeting.

** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

*** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

grab from the surveillance video in hopes of getting tips from the public in identifying the suspect in the burglary, which was reportedly the second time that the home had been robbed.

In a statement yesterday, DPS said it learned of the burglary through a 911 call on Oct. 30, 2019. Police officers arrived at the scene at about 7:27pm and noticed items and clothing scattered throughout the rooms inside the house. A bathroom window screen was also damaged and it is believed to be the entry point of the burglar.

It was learned that the own-

ers of the home had left in the morning and returned home in the evening to find their home in disarray and with several items missing, including one black Hewlett-Packard laptop, two pairs of black Rayban sunglasses, one pair of Coach sunglasses, one Gucci purse, one Gucci wallet, and one Celine Boston bag.

Someone saying she is a daughter of the homeowner later posted on Facebook: "I am very upset. ...This is the second time they burglarized my parents' home." The post has been shared by over 600 individuals and continues to grow as the community works to find

Open enrolment for govt health insurance

The Department of Finance announced on Tuesday that the open enrolment period for the CNMI Government Group Health and Life Insurance will be from Nov. 12, 2019, to Dec. 13, 2019, for coverage effective Jan. 1, 2020.

The health insurance employee premium rates that were effective last July 1, 2018, will remain for the 2020 renewal period.

According to Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig, the government continues to work with its health insurance provider to offer affordable health insurance for all government employees and retirees.

For active government employees, contributions per pay period will pay \$77.68 for high coverage, \$23.86 for low coverage, and \$0.00 for basic. An

employee and spouse or one dependent will pay \$159.22 for high coverage, \$48.50 for low coverage and \$0.00 for basic. An employee and their family will pay \$248.53 for high coverage, \$76.32 for low, \$0.00 for basic.

Government retirees will pay bi-weekly \$84.15 for high coverage, \$25.85 for low, \$0.00 for basic. Inclusion of retiree spouses or one dependent will cost \$173.49 for high, \$52.98 for low, and \$0.00 for basic. For retirees and their family, \$269.25 for high coverage, \$82.69 for low, and \$0.00 for basic.

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REPAIR OF OIL STORAGE TANKS – CUC SAIPAN AND ROTA POWER PLANTS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the Repair of Oil Storage Tanks – CUC Saipan and Rota power plants, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Most of the tanks are still in "active" use.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-bid Conference and a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 23 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan and **October 24 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Rota Power Plant, Songsong Village, Rota, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "IFB CUC-19-038: Repair of Oil Storage Tanks, CUC Saipan and Rota power plants" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of **fifteen percent (15%)** of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the terms of Stipulated Order No. 2 (SO 2). CUC may split the contract work based on island location, i.e. separate contracts for the island of Saipan and Rota in the best interest of expediency and competitive rates. Project performance quality would be verified by third party quality assurance specialists with certified and approved credentials.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 28, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ATMO at email address venugopal.prabhakar@cucgov.org and to Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior, at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



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AMENDED NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, November 8, 2019, at 9:15 a.m. at Pari's Restaurant located in Songsong Village on the island of Rota. The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes (August 27, 2019)
- II. BOARD ORGANIZATION
 - 1. Election of Officers
 - 2. Appointment to Standing Committees
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)
- IV. CORRESPONDENCES
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. Financial Affairs Committee
 - 2. Airport Facilities Committee
 - 3. Seaport Facilities Committee
 - 4. Personnel Affairs Committee
- VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Final Adoption of Seaport Regulations- Terminal Tariff for Small Boat Operations
 - 2. Final Adoption of Proposed Personnel Rules and Regulations – Anti-bullying and various matters
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Airline Users Agreement – Disability language
 - 2. Personnel Matter: Tinian Ports Manager Employment Contract
 - 3. DLNR Memorandum of Agreement for Rota West Harbor Small Boat Marina
 - 4. CPA-CUC Omnibus Settlement Agreement
 - 5. Supplemental Budget Request: Insurance Premiums
 - 6. Supplemental Budget Request: Biometric Timeclock System (upgrade)
 - 7. Supplemental Budget Request: Rota Automated Weather Observation System
 - 8. Saipan Airport Master Plan Update Amendment No. 2
 - 9. Tinian International Airport Car Rental Concession
 - a. Scope of Concession
 - b. Procurement Method
 - c. Evaluation Plan
 - 10. Tandem Skydive Lease (Former Freedom Air Hangar)
 - 11. New Terminal – Appointment of Ad-hoc Committee
 - 12. Echo Dock
 - a. Scope of Concession
 - b. Procurement Method
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - Legal Counsel Reports: Legal matters/Litigation
- X. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

Kimberlyn King-Hinds
Chairwoman, Board of Directors

November 5, 2019

Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club sponsors PH students

By IVA MAURIN
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REPORTER

At least 10 students from the Dolores Macasaet National High School in the province of Quezon in the Philippines need not worry about uniforms and paying for miscellaneous fees for one full year.

The Saipan Fil-American Lions Club and Saipan Mighty Dolphins Leo Club provided free uniforms and paid for a full year of miscellaneous fees of the scholars, who are in grades 7 to 12.

Eden Mercado, Saipan Fil-Am president and Leo

adviser, said the two clubs donated a total of \$200 to sponsor at least 10 students through the SEED program, or *Scholarship by External Stakeholders and Educators of DMNHS*.

"This is our second year in sponsoring students to help them have a better future [but] this is the first time for our two clubs to act as sponsors," Mercado said.

The sponsorship aligns with the mission of the club to promote education.

"We are very fortunate that [there is] free education here on Saipan, free rides to



Students of the Dolores Macasaet National High School in the province of Quezon in the Philippines smile in appreciation of the Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club's sponsorship of the school's SEED program.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Military training at Warning Area 11AB

SANTA RITA, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 11AB on Nov. 6-7, from 10am to 6pm.

This training supports aircrew combat readiness and is critical to developing the skills needed to respond to operational missions throughout the region to ensure a stable, free, and open Indo-Pacific.

All vessels are advised to remain clear of a 15-nautical-mile radius of the following coordinates: 12° 6'N/145° 30'E.

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. (PR)

KHS progress reports out

Kagman High School will be hosting its first progress report of the year today, Nov. 6, from 4pm to 6pm, in the KHS cafeteria. KHS will take the remaining progress reports to the north at Tanapag Middle school on Nov. 7 from 4pm to 5:30pm. (PR)

school and back home, free breakfasts and lunches," said Saipan Mighty Dolphins Leo Club president Jenny Batagan.

In the CNMI, all students have to do is study, Batagan said; students from other

countries do not get the same privileges.

"We wanted to help them in our own little way, we want to make a difference. Helping people that we haven't met is the best act of kindness we could show to the world. It is

like paying forward and we hope that others will do the same," Batagan added.

To sponsor students, or to join the Lions Club or the Leo Club, call Region 2 chair Annamae Adaza at 285-4388, Saipan Fil-American Lions

Club president Eden Mercado at 788-2416, or Saipan Fil-American Lions Club secretary Mario Mayuga at 285-1021.

To learn more about the Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclub.org.

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More information and nomination request forms can be found at sablan.house.gov or by calling 670-323-2647/8 on Saipan, 433-2647 on Tinian, or 532-2647 on Rota.

NOMINATION REQUEST DEADLINE: DECEMBER 13, 2019

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NMC digitizes over 100 oral history videos

The Northern Marianas College has announced that 129 video interviews of CNMI 'man'amko, or elders, are available for viewing and download online.

The footage, which was recorded by Herbert Del Ro-

sario during his time as the CNMI Archives director, can be accessed at <http://archives.marianas.edu>.

From 1990 to 2001, Del Rosario conducted the interviews for the Oral History Project in an effort to collect information on life in the Marianas during the Japanese administration, as well as life

during and after World War II. The digitization of the recorded interviews was completed by the college's Information Technology department, and was made possible by a grant from the Northern Mari-

anas Humanities Council.

For more information on the Oral History Project, contact the Community Development Institute at the Northern Marianas College at 237-6805. (NMC)

MVA membership meeting on Thursday

The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold its semi-annual general membership meeting on Nov. 14, 2019, at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort at 10am. Registration will begin at 9:30am.

Guest speakers will be from the MVA's offshore offices and will provide a recap of fiscal year 2019 projects and

"The MVA's next general membership meeting will pro-

vide a detailed overview of the marketing and other programs with our available budget for the new fiscal year," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "We invite all members and interested community members to attend this meeting."

The meeting cost is \$18 per person for MVA members and \$23 per person for non-members. The cost includes

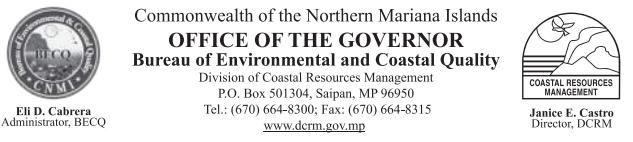
light refreshments and lunch. RSVP should be made by Nov. 7, 2019.

The MVA also welcomes new businesses, agencies and individuals who want to actively participate in the Marianas' top industry as MVA members. Membership is \$100 annually. Benefits include: business listing on the MVA's language-specific websites in Korea, China,

Japan, Taiwan, and English; opportunities for business brochure distribution at MVA offices in the Marianas and internationally; opportunities to participate in travel and trade shows, sales seminars, and familiarization tours; detailed visitor data through monthly statistics reports; nomination and voting rights for the MVA board of directors; and the opportu-

nity to be a supplier or contractor for the MVA. New and returning members for fiscal year 2020 can register and pay at the MVA office on Beach Road in San Jose.

To RSVP, to request a membership application, or for more information, contact the MVA Community Projects Division at communityprojects@mymarianas.com or call (670) 664-3200. (MVA)



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LATTE STONE HOTEL PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SMS-2019-X-060

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Latte Stone Hotel project in Garapan, Saipan.

The Li Xu, LLC is proposing to construct and operate the proposed Latte Stone Hotel along Puti Tainobu Avenue in Garapan, Saipan. The proposed development is a 4-story hotel building with four 1-bedroom guest rooms, reception and lobby area, a retail space on the first floor, a combination of 1 to 3-bedroom guest rooms on the second and third floor, and seven 1-bedroom guest rooms on the fourth floor. Total rooms for this development is 57 with a total parking spaces of 24. The project will be situated on two leased private properties identified as Lot Nos. 004 D 29, measuring a total of 929 sq. m. and 004 D 030, measuring a total area of about 929 sq. m.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 5PM, at the BECQ main conference room, 2nd Floor, on Middle Road in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Latte Stone Hotel project.

/s/ Janice E. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: RFP20-BECQ/DCRM-007

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 02, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"CONDUCT & DEVELOP THE CNMI COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM'S 2021-2025 SECTION 309 PROGRAM ASSESSMENT & STRATEGY FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL COASTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA-EMAIL TO MR. RICH SALAS BY EMAIL AT rsalas@dcrm.gov.mp, NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 15, 2019. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PERSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ELI D. CABRERA
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: RFP20-DCCA/CCDF-005

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 02, 2019 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

"CREATE & REVISE CNMI'S CCDF PRE-SERVICE TRAINING CONTENT, PROVIDE RELATED ACTIVITIES, CREATE & PROVIDE ON-GOING HEALTHY & SAFETY TRAININGS TO MEET CCDBG ACT OF 2014 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND OFFICE BUILDING NO. 1347, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN ON NOVEMBER 15, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO MS. MARIBEL S.D. LOSTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, VIA EMAIL TO mloste.cnmiccdf@gmail.com OR VIA FACSIMILE TO (670) 664-2547 NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 18, 2019. ALL QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROPOSERS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ ROBERT H. HUNTER
SECRETARY, DCCA

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
Frank P. Villagomez

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Frank P. Villagomez is proposing to occupy an existing structure for its BBQ Stand. This use is classified as "Restaurant, Drive-Through" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 22587-NEW-1 in San Vicente. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio
Multi-purpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 3:00 pm, November 19, 2019. Please send written comments via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
Joy Lee Corporation
dba Green Consume Market

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Joy Lee Corporation dba Green Consume Market is proposing to construct a structure for warehouse. This use is classified as "Warehousing & General Wholesaling" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. EA 225-NEW-1 in As Lito. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

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/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
Hui Tao Tsang dba Royal Garden

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Hui Tao Tsang dba Royal Garden is proposing to occupy the first floor levels of three (3) existing apartment complexes for a total of 11 guest rooms to operate a Bed & Breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 016 D 36 in China Town. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio
Multi-purpose Center, Susupe

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/s/ Mariano Taitano, Chairman

November is CNMI Scholarship Month

College can be financially crippling, as the expenses for tuition and others can take a bigger toll on those who plan to go stateside and pursue their dreams. Fortunately, programs like the CNMI Scholarship Office have been assisting those who want a college education.

"We are very fortunate here in the CNMI to have a government that allocates funds to make that dream a reality," said Monique Boyer Sablan, the special assistant for Youth Affairs. Without the CNMI Scholarship Office and its providers, students in the CNMI

would face more financial burdens while attending college, she added.

In recognition of the CNMI Scholarship Office and its partners, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios declared November as CNMI Scholarship Month yesterday, to coincide with the declaration of National Scholarship Month.

"This designation is an opportunity to celebrate the student access programs and people who make them possible because of the positive impacts these scholarships can have on the lives of others in our communities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," said CSO administrator Rose Pangalinan Camacho. She credited

the role of CSO's providers such as Bank of Guam, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Joeten Enterprises, First Hawaiian Bank, Matson Navigation Co., Northern Marianas Insurance Association, Office of the Mayor of Rota, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguigan Islands, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for helping provide college

access resources for students. CNMI Scholarship Month was first proclaimed in 2017 but it wasn't celebrated in 2018 due to Super Typhoon Yutu's destruction on Saipan and Tinian.

CSO has event scheduled throughout the month such as outreaches to promote awareness of college access resources CSO and other local scholarship providers offer. (Marc A. Venus)

CNMI EMT to hold simulation exercises Friday

By MARC A. VENUS
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REPORTER

The newly-formed CNMI Emergency Medical Team will be made to go through its paces this Friday, from 8am to 4:30pm, in a simulation exercise at the airport field.

This exercise is part of the CNMI EMT's training, and will include setting up a small field clinic, as well as the re-enactment of emergency triage on individuals who will be acting as if they are afflicted with illness and/or injury.

It will also cap the team's training since being formed with the help of the World Health Organization and Team Rubicon,

Residents should be advised that there will be no actual emergency on Friday. Simulation exercises such as this are vital in allowing the EMT to practice for real emergency

situations, and will help the team to practice working together, setting up and breaking down their equipment, and addressing potential challenges in a controlled environment.

The CNMI EMT was created last week, in coordination with the WHO, which will be composed of individuals from different departments of the CHCC and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The CNMI EMT is the first EMT created in a U.S.-affiliated territory within the WHO's Pacific jurisdiction.

EMTs serve as deployable clinical teams that can operate in some of the most remote and difficult locations. EMTs are essentially field hospitals, capable of providing care to patients in an emergency or disaster, despite wide-scale destruction or lack of available local resources.



Members of the CNMI Scholarship Office and its local scholarship providers join CNMI legislators for a picture. November has been declared CNMI Scholarship Month, to coincide with National Scholarship Month.

MARC A. VENUS



Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 10/17/2019 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings:

1. **Conditional Use Application #2019-0770:** Joy Lee Corporation dba Green Consume Market is proposing to construct a structure for warehouse. This use is classified as "Warehousing & General Wholesaling" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. EA 225-NEW-1 in As Lito. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.
2. **Conditional Use Application #2019-2962:** Hui Tao Tsang dba Royal Garden is proposing to occupy the first floor levels of three (3) existing apartment complex for a total of 11 guest rooms to operate a Bed & Breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 016 D 36 in China Town. This area is zoned as Village Residential.
3. **Conditional Use Application #2019-4102:** Frank P. Villagomez is proposing to occupy an existing structure for its BBQ Stand. This use is classified as "Restaurant, Drive-Through" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 22587-NEW-1 in San Vicente. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

C. Communication

D. Old Business

E. New Business

1. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous

- a. Other Matters
- b. Announcements
- c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogomoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Mariano Taitano, Zoning Board Chairman



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This seminar will cover all the elements to be included in a business plan and explain with examples what is required in each section. The focus of the seminar will be the three M's - Money, Management, & Marketing. Participants will also be provided with a sample business plan, sources of industry research information, and introduced to online business planning tools that are accessible at any time through an internet enabled PC. This training is an entry level training.

Get tips and advice on:

- Tools to use for your business plan
- Resources for your small business

TO REGISTER:

<https://pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com/events/4421>

For more information, visit our website at www.pacificsbdc.com or call

CNMI SBDC Office at 664-3018



Date: November 12, 2019
Time: 9:30AM- 11:30AM

FREE TRAINING

Location:

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EDITORIAL

The right way to handle racist customers

Say you're the host at a sports-bar-type restaurant. A customer seated near a table occupied by African Americans asks you to move them because he doesn't like black people. What should you say? 1) "No." 2) "I can move you to a different table." 3) "Please leave and don't ever come back."

Any of those responses would be defensible. But at a Buffalo Wild Wings in suburban Chicago on Saturday evening, according to an African American customer, a host and a manager said his group would have to go to a different table because another patron "doesn't want black people sitting near him."

Justin Vahl and those with him made the understandable decision to take their business to a different restaurant. But his wife, Mary, posted an account of the incident on social media. The post quickly went viral. Buffalo Wild Wings found itself enveloped in a withering storm of negative publicity.

The customer who allegedly complained about the group has not come forward, and the staffers have not given their versions. So we should all allow for the possibility of misunderstandings that contributed to the episode. But the chain did not deny the Vahls' account.

"We take this incident very seriously and after conducting a thorough, internal investigation have terminated the employees involved," the company said in a statement. "Buffalo Wild Wings values an inclusive environment and has zero tolerance for discrimination of any kind."

We draw a couple of conclusions from this incident. One is that overt racial prejudice, which many white Americans assume has practically vanished, persists in some people—and works to the detriment of African Americans. No one should think the work of racial equity has been finished.

Another is that any restaurant, hotel or other retail business had better invest in training its workforce, from the CEO to the lowest-paid employee, on how to deal with such encounters. In short: "The customer is always right" is the wrong attitude if it means indulging a bigot at the expense of other patrons. The three options in the first paragraph of this editorial are among the responses a company might want its employees to deliver.

Kowtowing to one patron who wants staff members to ignore the rights, the dignity and the feelings of other customers invites the sort of outrage that Buffalo Wild Wings found itself attracting. Such situations are bad for employees, customers and shareholders. We can safely assume that despite the chain's swift response, some people will steer clear of Buffalo Wild Wings, at least for a while.

It's good for a company to take quick corrective action after one of its workers makes a terrible mistake.

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There must be some mistake; I can't be 70

By HERB CROMWELL
THE BALTIMORE SUN

"Can you imagine us years from today, sharing a park bench quietly? How terribly strange to be 70."

—Simon & Garfunkel, "Old Friends"

An awful mistake has been made. This month, I will turn 70 years old. This astonishes me. It can't be true. But it is. There's mounting evidence. I used to be 6 feet tall. Now I'm 5-foot-11. My once flat stomach has a weird soccer ball-like inflation to it. A missed bottom step causes an ankle crack, not a mere sprain. Blood tests reveal more "abnormals" and "highs." Health is the dominant topic of conversation among friends: How many pills do you take? How's your prostate? Did you get the shingles shot? So sad about so-and-so's passing. We used to strive to make a living; the job now is to stay living.

Suddenly I'm a sentimental mess. Tears well up every time I hear Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" or watch "Cinema Paradiso." Toward the end of "To Kill a Mockingbird," when Atticus Finch says to his daughter "Miss Jean Louise, Mr. Arthur Radley," I lose it in sync with the rising violins. The same when Ray Kinsella asks his dad in "Field of Dreams" "to have a catch." (I remember a film critic calling the movie Field of Corn; the man had no soul.) Science says aging causes hormonal changes that affect emotions. I think it also brings a greater appreciation of the preciousness of life, its beauty, its fragility, its wonder. Oh, and aren't our grandkids the cutest things you've ever seen?

At this age, mortality is a part of everyday thoughts. Why are we here? What happens after death? Are we all just grains of sand in a universal desert? I envy people whose strong religious faith tells them that not only is there an afterlife but it will be glorious. I have my doubts. On the other hand, human beings must be more than random collisions of atoms, right? I tend to side with the existentialists who say that life's meaning is what we make of it on earth—but it would still be great if there's a merciful God up there.

The sense that we're all hanging on by a thread is magnified

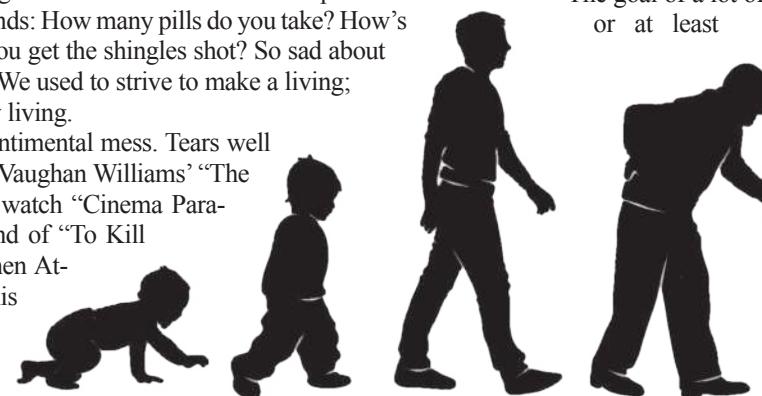
and personalized with age. What does that new pain or that latest act of forgetfulness mean? Are we overspending our savings? Is it time to look at senior housing? How will I cope if my wife goes before I do?

On top of anxiety is conflict. The knowledge that technology saves time and effort competes with routine and custom. (I use a smartphone, but it's a Galaxy 5; and I still pay bills by check.) The relief of freedom of time and freedom from responsibility does battle with the urge to be productive. The body yields more clues about what's good for you (kale) and bad (another bourbon on the rocks). But as Woody Allen said, "You can live to be a hundred if you give up all things that make you want to live to be a hundred."

The goal of a lot of boomers was to change the world or at least their part of it. For me as time went on, it was simply to be useful. I saw progress in a 38-year career in public mental health. Community programs today serve over 200,000 Marylanders. People who used to be condemned to back wards of institutions now live on their own, have jobs, pay taxes. Yet too many with mental illnesses and addictions still live on the streets, are in jail, or die too early. Stigma persists. Was I useful enough?

In spite of the state of things today, I do believe the future for those grandchildren will be fine. As Dr. King said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Those of us well into geezerhood can still contribute. Former President Jimmy Carter is building houses for Habitat for Humanity at age 95. Jane Goodall is continuing her work with wild chimpanzees at age 85. A 75-year-old friend has made four trips to Ethiopia to build playgrounds. (I'm not nearly that noble, but I do pick up trash in the neighborhood.)

Seventy is indeed strange, but health scares and a closer date with death aside, it's hardly the end. There are more places to see, votes to cast, movies to cry over and loved ones to hug. Bring on 80.



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Suetdun popble!

Oppan didog na keha ginen 15-mit na empleau guine ni rumisisibi suetdun popble. I suetdu entalu' \$15-mit esta \$42-mit giakan gi halum guaguan na gass-tun nesessidat familia.

Ti siña mapune pot klaru na kantida na empleau yan familia niha man-kañgrenau ni tagpapa' suetdu. Estague' 'nai gaige dichu chinatsagan halum guma' gi tautau-ta siha.

I asuntu komplikau lau obligasion satbasion gaige gi manma-elihi ni diariu manlolosus gi hegsu' I Deni'.

Kuestion: Para ngai' an este na sapet 'nai para in' satba? Guaha 'nai in' atan kabales haf' i asuntu yan taimanu satbasiona? Gi hilu' este guaha in' petsisige fina' planu pa'gu?

Haf' mas siña tafa' segne fuera de losus gi mañgun karea? In' hassu hiniyuñg bisnis Japones gi halacha? Kuantu miyon pesus

CUSTOMERS

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But teaching employees how to handle difficult customers is simpler. And when preventive training stops hurtful, damaging incidents before they start, it's a lot less costly.

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Poster child for why office romances are a bad idea

It is all important for top corporate executives to model behavior, and when they don't the personal and institutional risk is enormous. It is from that backdrop that McDonald's board of directors rightly ousted chief executive officer Steve Easterbrook for a consensual relationship with an employee.

Easterbrook concedes the relationship demonstrated poor judgment and violated company policy against manager relationships with employees. "This was a mistake," Easterbrook wrote in an email. "Given the values of the company, I agree with the board that it is time for me to move on."

McDonald's has declined to reveal more details about the relationship or to say when the board found out about it. Easterbrook, who is divorced, also has declined to provide details about the relationship.

Easterbrook joins a growing list of chief executives forced out over relationships with employees as more companies adopt rules against dating subordinates in the wake of #MeToo complaints. Companies are reviewing codes of conduct and adding consensual relationships to anti-harassment policies. Having a consensual relationship with an employee or an outside client is rightly considered an unacceptable transgression for chief executives at many businesses. And not disclosing such a relationship to the board when there is a corporate emphasis on executive integrity and zero tolerance for misbehavior only compounds the indiscretion.

Some might question why a consensual relationship would lead to Easterbrook's firing since many adults pursue relationships developed in the workplace. But make no mistake. The restaurant industry's history of sexual harassment and the unequal power dynamics of manager to employee offer some meaningful context.

A Harvard Business Review study in 2018 concluded that 90% of women and 70% of men in the restaurant industry reported some form of sexual harassment. Months ago, a group of female McDonald's employees in more than a dozen cities went on strike to protest what they argued was the company's failure to take the issue seriously, citing alleged serious misconduct from groping to rape.

This is why Easterbrook's failure to follow corporate policy is so damning. Easterbrook's relationship has been described as consensual. But even if that is true, it grew from a position of power—the company's top executive exempting himself from corporate policy to pursue a relationship with a subordinate. McDonald's policies are in place not just to stave off charges of sexual harassment in the workplace, but to assure the rest of the workforce that a consensual relationship with a top executive isn't depriving others of fair treatment and promotion opportunities earned on their merits.

Any corporate executive has to know that this is playing with legal fire, and in the case of McDonald's, potentially damages the burger company's family friendly reputation. Integrity must come from the top and, in this instance, it did not.

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maribaha ginen este na sinisede? Guaha tumahgue i maliñgu na miyon pot miyon pesus ginen i kaha?

Mampus hana' chatsagayu' pot hu tuñgu' na megai familia nina' fanchatsaga 'nai tumunug seriosamente ekonomian i tanu'. Gi uttimu besis i monedan familia i tai sinahguan para apas nesessidat siha diariamente.

Ekonomia 'nai gaige chinatsaga ya mauleg tahuñgug ginen hamyu haf' planun miyu fuera de tuhu' to'la' gi mañgun karea!

Iya Luta

'An ma-establese industrian casino giya Luta gi tutuhun otru sakani siempre ha choneg dañkulu na adelantu gi bandan bisnis 'sino ekonomia.

Kumeke ileghu na i hinalum casino siempre u inakompañia bisnis siha ni para u sinapot-ta operasioña. U daña' yan i mangage pa'gu na bisnis natibu. Atan haf' na setbisiu in' prebenimiy pa'gu ya in' atetuye muna' mas mauleg.

Uma-adelanta i komunidan bisnis ni umabiba mas fondu para nesessidat tautau-ta yan iya Marianas. Estague' i primet adelantu ni para umasusede gi hinalum casino. Propiu na kinalamten pot fondu yan cho'chu' para i tautau-ta siha.

Si Señor Victor Hokog yan Sen. Terry Santos sattun matatiye este na asuntu pot presisu mafondun asuntun linahyan sufisiente kopble.

'An mas adelantau i industria siempre naturat na lugat bisita para i mañeluta siha ginen Guahan yan sankattan na Marianas. Deste huegun casino, peska, golf, fiesta yan otru siha aktibidat mauleg na tame' para todus bisita. Taya' casino gi sanlichan na bisinu.

Iya Luta ha mirese ayudu gi inestablesen este na industria pot nesessidat yan kontribusion gi kinalamten iya Marianas. Maseha hu popo'lu na i gatbu na islata i hatdin iya Marianas debi ta suppot-ta gi asuntu pot adelantun kualidat linala' tautau-ta siha.

Para mona debi u guaha mas otganisau gi todus aktibidat bisita diariu. Respetu, magof na ekspressiu gi fasuta yan ayudu gi bisita siha ti u lache gi adelantun industrian casino giya Luta. Bien felis!

Ha' ilas

'Nai maribaha ekonomian i tanu—kinalamten bisnis—kontodu i fondu gi kaha tumunug sin ditension. Fuetsau ha pañgun inadahe gi manera 'nai tagagasta fondu siha gi nesessidat hinerat.

Puede nahuñg sopbla para apas sistemana edukasion yan hinemu'. Ti para 'an hagacha' hit induktu finattun un' pes gi isla siha. Makat na kontrariu tat kumu chenot ginen inaka' ñamu.

Ta diseseha na u kontinua kinalamten adelantu guine pot nesessidat hinerat. Makat na kontrariu i masaulag "que sera" ha' anen

Zero refugees resettled last month.

That's not good

Well, it looks like Stephen Miller—President Trump's dark angel on immigration—may have achieved one of his wishes. Last month the United States admitted zero refugees for resettlement.

Zero.

According to the advocacy group World Relief, October was the first month since it began keeping records 30 years ago that the government failed to allow a single refugee to resettle here, a stunning reversal of the nation's longstanding role as the leading resettlement destination for people around the world with, in effect, no home to return to.

The U.S. unseated itself as the top destination for refugees in the first year of the Trump administration; before then, the nation routinely resettled more refugees each year than the rest of the world combined.

Resettled refugees differ from those living in camps or sheltering in cities until conditions settle sufficiently in their home countries for them to return. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees estimates there are more than 70 million displaced persons around the world right now, more than even at the end of World War II.

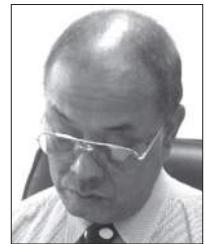
Part of the slash in admissions in October was bureaucratic. Hundreds of refugees cleared for arrival suddenly were forced to wait, their flights canceled, apparently because Trump delayed signing the order capping refugee admissions for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1 to 18,000 people—the lowest level since the Refugee Act of 1980 created the modern resettlement system.

Without the signed paperwork, the State Department declared a moratorium on new admissions, which it wound up extending twice. Trump signed the order Friday, and the State Department says refugee arrivals will likely resume Tuesday.

The fine details of bureaucratic delay are secondary to the bigger policy issue: The Trump administration has actively sought to throttle back immigration to the U.S., including desperate refugees (many of whom are seeking to reunite with families

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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publiku pot taya' fitme na planu para manugue' i galaide' este siha na petlas. Na ti esta ta upus usun boten sin?

Kimasson

Enteru estadon iya California kimasson deste mapus na semana. Mas ke 100-mit na familia dumiñgu gima' niha pot mampus hitot dañkulun guafe gi bisinu.

Finagcha'e un' estado ni añglu' pot ti sessu uchan. I man-loka' guafe chineneñ ni 90 miyas gi ora na metgut mañglu' mina' chadeg machalapun i guafe. Man-namase' megai familia ni man-fina' apu gima' niha. Dispues, mamamaila' tiempun maneñgheñg.

Hungan, California añglu' na lugat ya dañkulu plaset halum tano'ña. Mas ke mit hektarias na halum tanu' kimasson. Lastima sa' gai ginatbu na estado pio' sa' dañkulu yan anchu na lugat.

I bisinuta Japon sinapet ni probleman dilubiu pot inipus na uchan guine gi ma'pus na semana. Lamegai fina' hogsu' 'nai mangaige guma' tautau siha ni man-sulun ya man-dinestrosia.

Siha i los probes la'mun ni gastun para ma-aregla tatte destrosia na gima' niha. Taya' ayudun gobietnu. Gi mismu tiempu sige ha' i fotten uchan de ha rega mediun sanhilu' na patte gi tanu'.

Iya Pasifiku yan Asia parehu dañkulu na problema kalenturan ginen inaka' ñamu (dengue fever). Puede ti ha chalapungue' guine pot esta guaha 18 na kausa gi bisinu. I los probes giya California kontra guafe, hita walañg pera!

AETNA

Guaha 'nai mama' i temtum este na kompania. Lau hoñgeyu' na ni unu gi membro inosiente 'sino ignorante gi bandan direchu. Fueru de bai gasetta malabidan AETNA bai batsala halum lokue' gi kotte. Ti u mahñau pot hu tuñgu' direchoghu! Haf' ya i salape' mame ha' interes miyu?



By SCOTT MARTELLE

Los Angeles Times

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already here) and would-be lawful immigrants who can't prove they can afford to pay for health care when they arrive (a federal judge on Saturday issued a nationwide restraining order against that rule, which was to have gone into effect Sunday).

Much of the president's rancor toward immigrants seems rooted in racism. He famously decried immigrants from what he called execrable countries (he used a different phrase) in Africa and South America while saying he preferred people from Norway. It doesn't take much effort to interpret that.

Reducing the inflow of refugees to a trickle offends on a different level. It contradicts the fundamental American story, that we are a nation of immigrants and their descendants, many of whom arrived here in flight from violence and deprivation (and yes, many in chains and against their will) in hopes of building a new life.

An unintended consequence—or maybe it was intended—of the precipitous drop in refugee arrivals is that the nine nonprofit agencies most responsible for resettling new arrivals have seen their budgets collapse, leading to layoffs, closed offices and canceled services.

That, of course, will make it harder to restore refugee resettlements in the future since the programmatic infrastructure itself would need to be revived too.

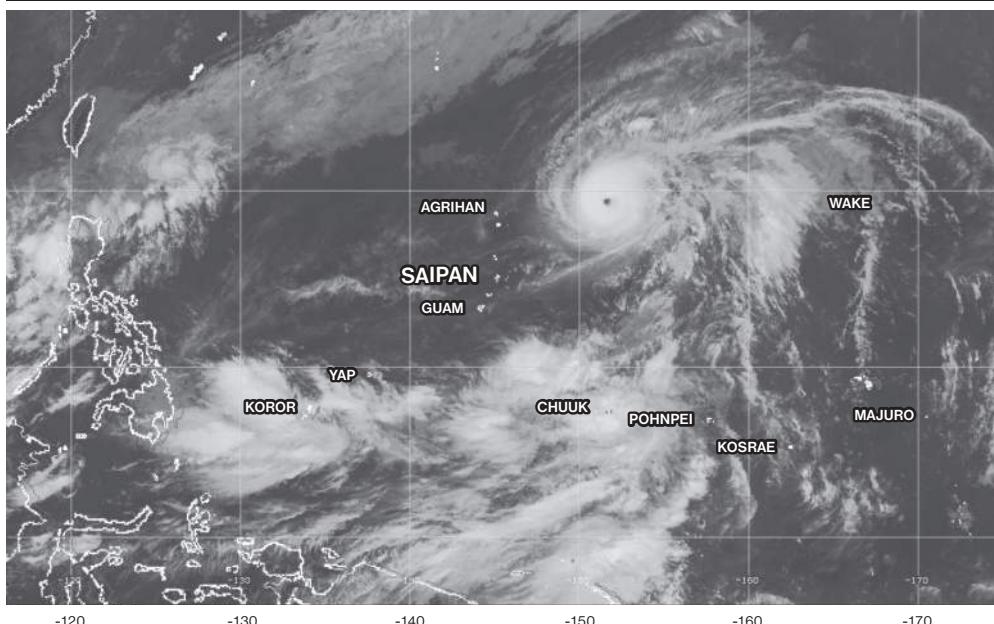
If you hear an evil cackle from the East, it's probably emanating from Miller's office.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. North winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.			
89°	78°	87°	77°	87°
76°	87°	77°	87°	77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:43 AM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The Marianas are in the subsident zone around Typhoon Halong, and will therefore have pleasant weather today. This should last through Wednesday, then a lifting monsoon trough to the south could bring isolated thunderstorms. These should end around Friday or Saturday. Seas will build a bit from monsoon swell, but high surf and small craft advisories are not expected at this time.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85°	/	78°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85°	/	78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88°	/	77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88°	/	77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84°	/	80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Windy	70°	/	57°
Beijing	Sunny	55°	/	32°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	82°	/	72°
Honolulu	Showers	86°	/	75°
London	Showers	48°	/	41°
Los Angeles	Sunny	78°	/	58°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88°	/	79°
Melbourne	Showers	63°	/	48°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	85°	/	79°
New York	Sunny	55°	/	48°
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	68°	/	54°
Paris	Showers	54°	/	45°
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	64°	/	46°
Rome	Showers	63°	/	52°
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	65°	/	53°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	63°	/	47°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	61°	/	30°
Tokyo	Showers	70°	/	54°
Washington, DC	Sunny	56°	/	44°

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UA105	6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:30pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:20am	6:30am	Daily	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
				7C3452	10:05pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:05am	6:05am	Daily	OZ6233	8:00am	1:20pm	2, 4, 6
OZ626	2:10am	6:10am	1	OZ623	8:55am	2:30pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:25am	3, 7	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 4, 5, 6	OZ625	7:30pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:35am	Daily	TW307	7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily
OZ6243	3:20pm	7:10pm	2, 4, 6	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ624	3:50pm	7:40pm	1, 3, 5, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:35am	1 via ICN	UA184/174	12:40am	8:07am+1	3, 6 via GUM
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UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:05pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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SAIPAN TO ROTA							
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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1204	10:00AM	1	

Business

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The bubble tea race is alive and well on Saipan with the latest entry into the market being Cafe de Hei.

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Appeals court agrees Trump tax returns can be turned over

NEW YORK (AP)—President Donald Trump's tax returns can be turned over to New York prosecutors by his personal accountant, a federal appeals court ruled Monday, leaving the last word to the Supreme Court.

The decision by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan upholds a lower court decision in the ongoing fight over Trump's financial records. Trump has refused to release his tax returns since he was a presidential candidate, and is the only modern president who hasn't made that financial information public.

In a written decision, three appeals judges said they only decided whether a state prosecutor can demand Trump's personal financial records from a third party while the president is in office.

The appeals court said it did not consider whether the president is immune from indictment and prosecution while in office or whether the president himself may be ordered to produce documents in a state criminal proceeding.

"We hold that any presidential immunity from state criminal process does not bar the enforcement of such a subpoena," 2nd Circuit Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann wrote.

According to the decision, a subpoena seeking Trump's private tax returns and financial information relating to



Trump's lawyer told the 2nd Circuit that Trump is immune from state criminal law even if he shoots someone because he's president.

Vance's attorneys have argued that Trump is not above the law while the president's lawyers have said the Constitution prohibits states from subjecting the U.S. president to criminal process while he is in office.

In the subpoena to Trump's longtime accountant, Vance's lawyers call for financial and tax records of entities and individuals, including Trump, who engaged in business transactions in Manhattan.

The 2nd Circuit noted that Trump has not been charged with a crime, but his lawyers have acknowledged that he could be criminally prosecuted after he leaves office.

"Even assuming, without deciding, that a formal criminal charge against the President carries a stigma too great for the Constitution to tolerate, we cannot conclude that mere investigation is so debilitating," the appeals court said. "There is no obvious reason why a state could not begin to investigate a President during his term and, with the information secured during that search, ultimately determine to prosecute him after he leaves office."

In this Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks during the Young Black Leadership Summit at the White House in Washington.

businesses he owns as a private citizen "do not implicate, in any way, the performance of his official duties."

"We are not faced, in this case, with the President's arrest or imprisonment, or with an order compelling him to attend court at a particular time or place, or, indeed, with an order that compels the President himself to do anything,"

the 2nd Circuit said. "The subpoena at issue is directed not to the President, but to his accountants; compliance does not require the President to do anything at all."

Several weeks ago, U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero in Manhattan tossed out Trump's lawsuit seeking to block his accountant from letting a grand jury see his tax

records from 2011.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. sought the records in a broader probe that includes payments made to buy the silence of two women, porn star Stormy Daniels and model Karen McDougal, who claim they had affairs with the president before the 2016

presidential election. Trump has denied them.

Danny Frost, a spokesman for Vance, declined to comment.

The lawyer who argued the case on Trump's behalf before the appeals court did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

During oral arguments,

ACROSS THE NATION

Border Patrol agent kills man who opened fire during chase

SUNLAND PARK, New Mexico (AP)—A U.S. Border Patrol agent who tried to stop some people believed to have crossed the border illegally shot and killed one of them Monday after the man pulled a gun and opened fire, authorities said. Two agents approached a group of four people about a mile from U.S.-Mexico border and chased one of them who took off running, New Mexico State Police said. "At some point during the foot pursuit, the suspect fired a weapon at the two Border Patrol agents," state police spokesman Ray Wilson said in a statement. One of the agents shot back, hitting the man, who died at a hospital. No agents were hurt during the shooting in Sunland Park, New Mexico, a suburb of El Paso, Texas. The three other people in the group were arrested, a Border Patrol spokesman said. It's unclear what charges they face. The agent's name was not released, and police were still working to determine the deceased man's identity.

Crash leads police to missing teen, escapee in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—A registered sex offender who scaled a jail wall to escape was arrested Monday along with a teenage girl who went missing the day after he fled. Police said John Kaleb Gillespie, 30, and the teen were captured following a car crash and a chase in suburban Birmingham, authorities said. Video from a police drone

showed officers surrounding a car to arrest the man, who was led away in handcuffs. Gillespie and the girl were charged with resisting arrest, and the man also was charged with attempting to elude police, Hoover police said in a statement. Sheriff's officials in Morgan County said Gillespie used a bedsheet to go over a jail wall on Oct. 27, and a girl with whom authorities said he had ties left her home in Moulton the day after and wasn't seen again. Hoover police described the youth as a runaway.

Oklahoma Supreme Court blocks abortion law

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Oklahoma Supreme Court has temporarily blocked a ban on a second-trimester abortion procedure. The high court acted Monday after an Oklahoma abortion clinic appealed a lower court judge's decision to uphold a ban on a second-trimester abortion procedure. Full Coverage: Abortion The Tulsa Women's Reproductive Clinic requested the temporary injunction to put the law on hold, telling justices that the law would be detrimental for women. The 2015 law would restrict the use of instruments in dilation and evacuation abortions after 14 weeks of pregnancy, except when needed to save the woman's life or prevent a serious risk to her health. It had been on hold while the legal challenge was pending. State numbers show nearly 7% of about 5,000 abortions performed in Oklahoma in 2018 were performed using this method.

Family says suspect in acid attack is veteran, suffered PTSD

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milwaukee police arrested a man suspected of throwing battery acid on a Hispanic man who says his attacker asked him, "Why did you come here and invade my country?"

Police said Monday they arrested a 61-year-old white man suspected in Friday night's attack and were investigating the case as a hate crime. They refused to release his name pending charges, but the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel identified him as Clifton A. Blackwell, a military veteran whose mother said had struggled with post-traumatic stress.

Mahud Villalaz suffered second-degree burns to his face. He said the attack happened after a man confronted him about how he had parked his car and accused him of being in the U.S. illegally. Villalaz, 42, is a U.S. citizen who immigrated from Peru.

The attack comes amid a spike in hate crimes directed at immigrants that researchers and experts on extremism say is tied to mainstream political rhetoric.

reasons instead (of) responsibly confronting the violence in his own community," Deere said in a statement.

Jacqueline P. Blackwell, of California, told the Journal Sentinel that her son had moved to Milwaukee seeking to get help. She said she had not been in touch with him recently and had not heard of his arrest.

"I was comfortable that he was getting good care with the VA," she told the paper.

Blackwell's brother, 63-year-old Arthur Blackwell of Evergreen, Colorado, told The Associated Press on Monday that Blackwell "was not a confrontational person." He says his brother served nearly four years in the U.S. Marines.

State court records show Blackwell was convicted in a 2006 Rusk County case of false imprisonment and pointing a gun at a person. Details aren't available online, but the Journal Sentinel reported the case involved Blackwell confronting men who had come onto his farm property tracking a deer.

Asia

US, China spar at Southeast Asian regional summit

NONTHABURI, Thailand (AP)—The rivalry between the United States and China over influence in the Asia-Pacific region was on show Monday as the two superpowers traded barbs over freedom of navigation in the region's seas.

The war of words took place at the annual summit of leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, hosted this year by Thailand. The meeting allows Southeast Asian leaders to deal as a bloc with the world's major powers, leveraging their influence in making security and trade arrangements.

At the same time, the meeting serves to highlight the rivalry between the U.S. and China, which both seek to strengthen their clout in the geopolitically important region.

On Friday the two countries repeated familiar charges—Beijing accusing Washington of interfering in Asian affairs, and Washington accusing Beijing of violating the law of the sea and encroaching on the natural resources of other countries.

Washington, however, found itself handicapped as President Donald Trump did not attend the meeting, sending in his place neither Vice President Mike Pence or Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, but his recently appointed national security adviser, Robert O'Brien.

Other major powers sent their heads of government. Those attending as guests of ASEAN included Japanese



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

Washington's diplomatic move was underlined when seven of the Southeast Asian leaders skipped an important meeting with O'Brien, sending instead their foreign ministers. Their action was technically appropriate in terms of diplomatic protocol for a meeting with O'Brien, who Trump anointed his "special envoy"

to the meeting in Bangkok.

American officials, fearing a boycott, urged all Southeast Asian heads of state to attend Monday's meeting. But ASEAN leaders decided to send only Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha as host, the Vietnamese prime minister as host of next year's summit and the leader of Laos, who oversees ASEAN-U.S. relations, a Southeast Asian diplomat told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because

he lacked authorization to discuss the issue.

During the meeting, O'Brien read a letter from Trump, who invited ASEAN leaders to a "special summit" in the U.S. early next year.

O'Brien at a news conference denied that he regarded the meeting as a snub, saying he "only experienced very, very gracious and generous hospitality and meetings from all the leaders here, ASEAN and other leaders in the Indo-Pacific." He declared that he "had a great set of meetings and didn't feel like there was

anything at all untoward."

O'Brien spoke with a sharper edge when discussing one of ASEAN's main concerns, China's aggressive territorial claims over the South China Sea, a major concern of four Southeast Asian nations with competing claims—Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam. Taiwan is also involved in a long-simmering territorial conflict in the busy waters, a key waterway for global commerce. Dwarfed by China's military, rival claimant states have looked at the U.S. as a counterweight to the

HK police arrest man in knife attack at protest site

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong police said Monday that a 48-year-old knife-wielding man who slashed two people and bit off part of the ear of a local politician during weekend protests has been arrested, along with two men who attacked him in return.

Senior police official John Tse said the man struck a couple with a knife outside a mall late Sunday after an argument, before turning his teeth on the politician's ear. Tse said the assailant, whose name was not given, was then thrashed by an angry crowd, including two men aged 23 and 29. All three were arrested following the incident.

Five people were injured, including two who were in critical condition, police said.

"We do not tolerate any form of violence regardless of one's motive and political stance. We will certainly investigate fully and bring offenders to justice," Tse said.

Local media cited witnesses as saying that before going on a rampage, the man told his victims that Hong Kong belongs to China. Television footage showed the man suddenly grabbing district councilor Andrew Chiu by the neck and biting his ear when Chiu tried to stop him from leaving after the attack. A man was left unconscious on the ground in a pool of blood.

The incident occurred shortly after police stormed the mall and several other shopping complexes to thwart anti-government protests as tensions continue to mount after five months of unrest in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Although Chiu is a pro-democracy politician, it was not clear if that played any part in the attack.

"It shows that tempers are flaring up despite government claims to promote reconciliation. It's a sign that the situ-

ation is getting out of hand. People are losing patience and throwing rational judgment to the wind," said Willy Lam, an adjunct professor at the Center for China Studies at Hong Kong's Chinese University.

Tse said there were several other bloody incidents over the weekend in which rioters attacked people with dissenting views. In one incident, a mob battered a Beijing supporter until he was unconscious and then stripped the man naked Saturday in a scene captured by local media.

"Such public shaming and bloody violence are totally against humanity," Tse said.

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O'Brien took a swipe at China, saying Beijing was using intimidation to try to stop ASEAN nations from exploiting their offshore resources, blocking access to \$2.5 trillion in oil and gas reserves alone.

China has long warned Washington not to interfere in territorial disputes it regards as a purely Asian issue. It opposes naval and aerial patrols by the U.S. and its allies in the disputed waters, but American forces have maintained their presence and continued "freedom of navigation" sail-bys designed to challenge China's vast territorial claims.

Chinese Premier Li said he was confident that a regional code of maritime conduct that China is negotiating with ASEAN states could be concluded in three years.

Responding to a question about O'Brien's comments, he told reporters: "Regrettably, while the tree desires tranquility, the wind keeps blowing. Some nonregional countries have done everything to make trouble and raise tensions. They want to impose their will on our countries."

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BAGHDAD (AP)—Anti-government protesters crossed a major bridge in Baghdad on Monday, approaching the prime minister's office and the headquarters of Iraq's state-run TV, as security forces fired live ammunition and tear gas, killing at least five demonstrators and wounding dozens.

The protesters hurled rocks and set tires and dumpsters ablaze, sending clouds of black smoke into the air. Security forces flooded into the area to protect government buildings, and gunfire echoed through the streets.

Dozens of motorized rickshaws raced back and forth, ferrying the wounded to first aid stations at the main protest site in Tahrir Square.

For days, the protesters have been trying to cross the Tigris River to the heavily fortified Green Zone, where the government is headquartered. Security forces have fired tear gas and rubber bullets to push them back from barricades on the Al-Joumhuriyah and Al-Sanak Bridges, but they managed to break through on the Al-Ahrar Bridge farther north.

Tens of thousands of Iraqis have

demonstrated in central Baghdad and across mostly Shiite southern Iraq since Oct. 25, calling for the overthrow of the government and sweeping political change. The protests are fueled by anger at widespread corruption, high unemployment and poor public services.

Security forces have killed more than 260 people in two waves of protests since early October.

The latest clashes came a day after Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi called on the protesters to reopen streets and for life to return to normal. His office is just outside the Green Zone.

Police and hospital officials said that at least five demonstrators and a member of the security forces were killed and that 60 people were wounded. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

The clashes continued into the night, and security forces installed a concrete barrier on the Al-Ahrar Bridge to keep protesters out.

On Sunday night, Iraqi security forces shot and killed three protesters and wounded 19 in dispersing



Anti-government protests set fire while security forces fired live ammunition and tear gas near the state-run TV in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, Nov. 4, 2019. AP

Chile protests resume, demonstrations crimp economic growth

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Thousands of Chileans took to the streets again Monday to demand better social services, some clashing with police, as protesters demanded an end to economic inequality even as the government announced that weeks of demonstrations are hurting the country's economic growth.

The latest protest came after a short break in the weeklong wave of demonstrations in which 20 people have died in clashes amid looting and arson that forced the cancellation of two upcoming major international summits in what is considered one of Latin America's wealthiest countries.

Most Chileans starting last week were on a long holiday weekend and Monday's protest was relatively small compared to earlier demonstrations. But the thousands who turned out showed that protest movement did not appear to be fizzling.

Most demonstrators supporting the leaderless national movement marched peacefully, but some groups threw rocks and firebombs at riot police officers—who responded with volleys of tear gas and water cannon blasts to try to disperse the crowds. The government said that at least six police officers were injured, including two who were at-

tacked and set on fire with Molotov cocktails.

The demonstrations began last month after the government announced a hike in subway fares and transformed into a leaderless national movement with broader demands over education, health services and economic inequality. Santiago's subway system has said that it has suffered nearly \$400 million in damages, while businesses in Chile are estimated to have lost more than \$1.4 billion in damages to arson, looting and lost sales.

Before the marchers gathered, Finance Minister Ignacio Briones warned that negative economic impacts from the protests in the country that is the planet's leading copper producer forced officials to lower their 2019 economic growth prediction to between 2% and 2.2% from 2.6%.

His announcement was met with disdain by protesters who said they have not shared in Chile's economic prosperity.

Marcos Diaz, a 51-year-old teacher protesting in the capital of Santiago, said big corporations have been the biggest beneficiaries.

"Through all these years of democracy, we've been living with a minimum wage that puts 60 percent of the workers below the poverty line,"

he said. "Growth is a fallacy invented by this model to hide the inequality of this country."

Accountant Veronica Gonzalez said even though she believes people are losing money from the protests, they'll get it back later and that "this fight has to go on anyway."

Protesters have slammed what they label a "neoliberal" economic model that on the

surface makes Chile seem like a Latin American economic success story—masking a widely criticized pension system and hybrid public and private health and education systems that give better benefits to the rich, who can afford to pay more.

Many protesters are demanding a new constitution to replace the 1980 charter

written under Gen. Augusto Pinochet's 1973-1990 military dictatorship. It allows many social services and natural resources, including water, to be wholly or partially privatized.

From afar, Chile has been viewed as a regional success story under democratically elected presidents on the left and right. A free-market consensus has driven growth up, poverty down and won Chile the Latin America's highest score on the United Nations Human Devel-

opment Index, a blend of life expectancy, education and national income per capita.

And in 2010, Chile became the second Latin member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, after Mexico.

But a 2017 UN report found that the richest 1% of Chile's population earns 33 percent of the nation's wealth. That helps make Chile the most unequal country in the OECD, slightly worse than Mexico.

WORLD BRIEFS

Protests greet Spanish king in secession-focused Catalonia

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Violence and the disparaging of others have no place in the dispute over Catalonia's independence, Spanish King Felipe VI said during a visit with his family to the northeastern region Monday that was greeted with widespread protests. The Spanish monarch has long been the target of fierce criticism by separatists. His speech two years ago calling for Spanish unity after police violently cracked down on those who tried to cast votes in a banned independence referendum angered many and fueled republican sentiment. Monday's royal visit was the first since the imprisonment of nine politicians and activists who

led the 2017 drive for secession, a ruling that has been met with massive protests this month that have turned unusually violent at times. More than 500 have been injured in the riots, roughly half of them police officers, and dozens have been arrested.

Greece: 41 men found in refrigerated truck

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greek authorities say 41 men and boys have been found in a refrigerated truck stopped by police on a highway in northeastern Greece after it was believed to have crossed into the country from neighboring Turkey. Police say all but two—an Iranian and a Syrian—were from Afghanistan, while six were minors, police said. Eight were treated in a hospital for breathing problems, while the others weren't found to be

suffering from health issues. Authorities say the refrigeration on the truck hadn't been switched on. Police arrested the 40-year-old Georgian driver of the truck, which had Bulgarian registration plates. Hundreds of people cross Greece's land and sea border with Turkey each week, the vast majority hoping to make their way to other, more prosperous European countries.

Merkel pays tribute to victims of German neo-Nazi group

BERLIN (AP)—German Chancellor Angela Merkel paid tribute Monday to 10 people who were killed by a neo-Nazi group over a decade ago, amid concerns that violent far-right extremism is on the rise again in Germany. During a visit to the eastern German city of Zwickau,

Merkel took part in a ceremony dedicating 10 newly planted trees to the memory of those killed by the National Socialist Underground group from 2000-2007. Last month, a young oak tree commemorating the group's first victim, flower seller Enver Simsek, was sawed down at the same site. Simsek, like most of the NSU's victims, was of Turkish origin. "We will do everything ... so that such things don't happen again," Merkel said of the NSU killings, which German authorities had for years attributed to feuds among migrant gangs until the apparent murder-suicide of two of the NSU's core members in Nov. 2011 exposed the group's existence. The NSU's only known surviving member was sentenced to life imprisonment last year.

a violent demonstration outside the Iranian Consulate in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, police officials said. Seven policemen were also wounded, they said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

The protesters have increasingly directed their anger at Iran, which has close ties to the government, Shiite political factions and paramilitary groups.

During the violence in Karbala, dozens of Iraqi protesters set tires ablaze. They scaled the concrete barriers ringing the consulate as others lobbed firebombs over the walls. They tried to bring down the Iranian flag and replace it with the Iraqi one but could not reach it. They then placed an Iraqi flag on the wall.

The protesters chanted, "The people want the fall of the regime!"—one of the slogans of the 2011

Arab Spring uprisings.

Iraq's Foreign Ministry condemned the attack, saying the security of diplomatic missions is a "red line that should not be crossed." But protesters returned to the consulate late Monday.

On Sunday, Abdul-Mahdi called for markets, factories, schools and universities to reopen, saying the threat to oil facilities and the closing of roads had cost the country billions of dollars and contributed to price increases that affect everyone.

He differentiated between peaceful protesters who have turned the demonstrations into "popular festivals" and "outlaws" who he said had used demonstrators as "human shields" while attacking security forces.

Iran and its allies have accused the U.S. and other foreign powers of manipulating the protests to sow chaos.

Focus

By MAGGIE MICHAEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAS AL-ARA, Yemen (AP)— Zahra struggled in the blue waters of the Gulf of Aden, grasping for the hands of fellow migrants. Hundreds of men, women and teenagers clambered out of a boat and through the surf, emerging, exhausted, on the shores of Yemen.

The 20-year-old Ethiopian saw men armed with automatic rifles waiting for them on the beach and she clenched in terror. She had heard migrants' stories of brutal traffickers, lurking like monsters in a nightmare. They are known by

she told The Associated Press. "Every night there was rape."

With its systematic torture, Ras al-Ara is a particular hell on the arduous, 900-mile (1,400 kilometer) journey from the Horn of Africa to oil-rich Saudi Arabia. Migrants leave home on sandaled feet with dreams of escaping poverty. They trek through mountains and deserts, sandstorms and 113-degree temperatures, surviving on crumbs of bread and salty water from ancient wells.

In Djibouti, long lines of migrants descend single file down mountain slopes to the rocky coastal plain, where many lay eyes on the sea for

Organization for Migration.

This year, more than 107,000 had arrived by the end of September, along with perhaps tens of thousands more the organization was unable to track—or who were buried in graves along the trail.

And European policies may be making the Yemen route more dangerous. Funded by the EU, Ethiopia has cracked down on migrant smugglers and intensified border controls. Arrests of known brokers have prompted migrants to turn to unreliable traffickers, taking more dangerous paths and increasing the risk of abuses.

Many of those migrants end

tor their phone conversations with their families.

The AP spoke to more than two dozen Ethiopians who survived torture at Ras al-Ara. Nearly all of them reported witnessing deaths, and one man died of starvation hours after the AP saw him.

The imprisonment and torture are largely ignored by Yemeni authorities. The AP saw trucks full of migrants passing unhindered through military checkpoints as they went from the beaches to drop their human cargo at each desert compound, known in Arabic as a "hosh."

"The traffickers move freely, in public, giving bribes at the

Others belong to Sabaha, one of the biggest tribes in southern Yemen, some of whom are famous for their involvement in illicit businesses. Yemenis call the Sabaha "bandits" who have no political loyalties to any of the warring parties..

Many traffickers speak openly of their activities, but deny they torture, blaming others.

Yemeni smuggler Ali Hawash was a farmer who went into the human smuggling business a year ago. He disparaged smugglers who prey on poor migrants, torturing them and holding them hostage until relatives pay ransom.

"I thought we need to have a different way," he said, "I will help you go to Saudi, you just pay the transit and the transportation. Deal."

The flow of migrants to the beach is unending. On a single day, July 24, the AP witnessed seven boats pull into Ras al-Ara, one after the other, starting at 3 a.m., each carrying more than 100 people.

The migrants climbed out of the boats into the turquoise water. One young man collapsed on the beach, his feet swollen. A woman stepped on something sharp in the water and fell screeching in pain. Others washed their clothes in the waves to get out the vomit, urine and feces from the rugged journey.

The migrants were lined up and loaded onto trucks. They gripped the iron bars in the truck bed as they were driven along the highway. At each compound, the truck unloaded a group of migrants, like a school bus dropping off students. The migrants disappeared inside..

From time to time, Ethiopians escape their imprisonment or are released and stagger out of the desert into town. Eman Idrees, 27, and her husband were held for eight months by an Ethiopian smuggler. She recalled the savage beatings they endured, which left a scar on her shoulder; the smuggler received \$700 to take her to Saudi Arabia, but wouldn't let her go, because "he wanted me."

Said, the gas station owner, is horrified by the evidence of torture he has seen, so he has made his station and a nearby mosque into a refuge for migrants. But locals say Said, too, profits from the trafficking, selling fuel for the smugglers' boats and trucks. But that means the traffickers need him and leave him alone.

On a day when the AP team was visiting, several young men just out of a compound arrived at the gas station. They showed deep gashes in their arms from ropes that had bound them. One who had

bruises from being lashed with a cable said the women imprisoned with him were all raped and that three men had died.

Another, Ibrahim Hassan, trembled as he showed how he was tied up in a ball, arms behind his back, knees bound against his chest. The 24-year-old said he was bound like that for 11 days and frequently beaten. His torturer, he said, was a fellow Ethiopian but from a rival ethnic group, Tigray, while he is Oromo.

Hassan said he was freed after his father went door to door in their hometown to borrow money and gather the \$2,600 that the smugglers demanded.

"My family is extremely poor," Hassan said, breaking down in tears. "My father is a farmer and I have five siblings."

Starvation is another punishment used by the traffickers to wear down their victims.

At Ras al-Ara hospital, four men who looked like living skeletons sat on the floor, picking rice from a bowl with their thin fingers. Their bones protruded from their backs, their rib cages stood out sharply. With no fat on their bodies, they sat on rolled-up cloth because it was too painful to sit directly on bone. They had been imprisoned by traffickers for months, fed once a day with scraps of bread and a sip of water, they said.

One of them, 23-year-old Abdu Yassin, said he had agreed with smugglers in Ethiopia to pay around \$600 for the trip through Yemen to the Saudi border. But when he landed at Ras al-Ara, he was brought to a compound with 71 others, and the traffickers demanded \$1,600.

He cried as he described how he was held for five months and beaten constantly in different positions. He showed the marks from lashings on his back, the scars on his legs where they pressed hot steel into his skin. His finger was crooked after they smashed it with a rock, he said. One day, they tied his legs and dangled him upside down, "like a slaughtered sheep."

But the worst was starvation.

"From hunger, my knees can't carry my body," he said. "I haven't changed my clothes for six months. I haven't washed. I have nothing."

Near the four men, another emaciated man lay on a gurney, his stomach concave, his eyes open but unseeing. Nurses gave him fluids but he died several hours later.

The torment that leaves the young men and women physically and mentally shattered also leaves them stranded.

Zahra said she traveled to Yemen "because I wanted to

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Migrants endure rape and torture on route through YEMEN

In this July 21, 2019 photo, Ethiopian migrant Eman Idrees shows her shoulder with a wound from torture after being held and abused for eight months in a desert compound known in Arabic as a "hosh," run by an Ethiopian smuggler in Ras al-Ara, Lahj, Yemen.

the Arabic nickname Abdul-Qawi — which means Worshiper of the Strong.

"What will they do to us?" Zahra thought.

She and 300 other Africans had just endured six hours crammed in a wooden smuggling boat to cross the narrow strait between the Red Sea and the gulf. When they landed, the traffickers loaded them into trucks and drove them to ramshackle compounds in the desert outside the coastal village of Ras al-Ara.

There was Zahra's answer. She was imprisoned for a month in a tin-roofed hut, broiling and hungry, ordered to call home each day to beseech her family to wire \$2,000. She said she did not have family to ask for money and pleaded for her freedom.

Instead, her captors raped her. And they raped the 20 other women with her — for weeks, different men all the time.

"They used each of the girls,"

first time and eventually board the boats. Some find their way safely across war-torn Yemen to Saudi Arabia, only to be caught and tossed back over the border. The lucky ones make it into the kingdom to earn their livings as servants and laborers.

But others are stranded in Yemen's nightmare—in some measure because Europe has been shutting its doors, outsourcing migrants to other countries.

The European Union began paying Libyan coast guards and militias to stop migrants there, blocking the other main route out of East Africa, through Libya and across the Mediterranean to Europe. The number of Mediterranean crossings plummeted — from 370,000 in 2016 to just over 56,000 so far this year.

Meanwhile, more than 150,000 migrants landed in Yemen in 2018, a 50% increase from the year before, according to the International

up in Ras al-Ara.

Nearly every migrant who lands here is imprisoned in hidden compounds while their families are shaken down for money. Like Zahra, they are subjected to daily torments ranging from beatings and rapes to starvation, their screams drowned out by the noise of generators or cars or simply lost in the desert.

"Out of every thousand disappear in the lockups," said a humanitarian worker monitoring the flow of migrants.

Traffickers who torture are a mix of Yemenis and Ethiopians of different ethnic groups. So victims cannot appeal to tribal loyalties, they are tortured by men from other groups: If the migrants are Oromia, the torturers are Tigrinya.

At the same time, because the three main ethnic groups don't speak each others' languages, Yemeni smugglers need translators to convey orders to the migrants and moni-

checkpoints," said Mohammed Said, a former coast guard officer who now runs a gas station in the center of town.

From Ras al-Ara, it's nearly 50 miles in any direction to the next town. Around 8,000 families live in a collection of decaying, one-story stone houses beside dirt roads, a lone hotel and two eateries. The fish market is the center of activity when the daily catch is brought in.

Nearly the entire population profits from the human trade. Some rent land to traffickers for the holding cells, or work as guards, drivers or translators. For others, traffickers flush with cash are a lucrative market for their food, fuel or the mildly stimulant leaves of qat, which Yemenis and Ethiopians chew daily.

Locals can rattle off the traffickers' names. One of them, a Yemeni named Mohammed al-Usili, runs more than 20 hosh. He's famous for the red Nissan SUV he drives through town.

Good Housekeeping

Halloween hangover! Here are 5 fun things to do with your kids' leftover candy

By AMY HANELINE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The jack-o'-lanterns are starting to rot. The cobwebs have melded into your bushes. The skulls and skeletons have been thrown into a box until next year.

All that's left is candy. Piles and piles of candy. What are you possibly going to do with all of it?

Here are five ideas for what to do with leftover Halloween candy.

Donate it

Allocate some favorites to keep, then gather the rest to donate to a worthy cause.

You'll find that many dentist offices work with Operation Gratitude, the Halloween Candy Buy Back program, or other organizations to gather the tooth-harming, sugar-filled candy and ship the treats to troops overseas. Check with your dentist, or find participating locations at operationgratitude.com.

Look out for other organizations accepting donations, too, like the Ronald McDonald House, who can use the candy to offer sweet treats to families of children receiving medical care. The organization just asks the you contact your local House first to determine specifics for candy donations.

Bake with it

Got a gathering coming up? In charge of dessert? No problem.

There are a gazillion recipes online for leftover Halloween candy. But let's keep it simple: Take any of your favorite recipes for cookies or brownies and stir in some chopped-up Reese's cups (you have those leftover?!), Snickers, Milky



In this Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 photo a staff member arranges carved pumpkins on a scaffolding at The Halloween Pumpkin Fest in Bucharest, Romania. AP

Way bars, M&M's, etc. before you bake them.

You can also freeze candy to use in recipes later.

Host a pairing party

You worked hard on those costumes. You went big for the trunk or treat. You endured trucking through the neighborhood in rain and cold weather—never missing a single house with a porch light on.

You earned that candy.

Host a candy and wine pairing party or a candy and beer pairing party so see how the flavors work together. Not into

booze? Who's up for a leftover candy party? Best recipe wins? Yes please!

The Growler Guys have a pairing guide for beers...like put Reese's cups with a porter or Kit Kats with brown ale.

And Vivino has a guide for wine. M&Ms go well with a port wine and pair Skittles with a sauvignon blanc.

'Switch Witch' it

Keep your kids from consuming too much sugar by having them leave their candy for the "Switch Witch" in an exchange for a special gift.

The Switch Witch is a twist on the Elf on the Shelf, mixed with a little Tooth Fairy magic. The idea, crafted by parents, follows the legend of the friendly "Switch Witch," who visits with family the days leading up to Halloween. Then, on Halloween night, the witch takes the candy and leaves something better behind—and, you know, something a little healthier.

The Original Switch Witch kit with doll and storybook can be purchased on Amazon for \$20. The Switch Witch also partners with Operation Grati-

tude and recommends that relinquished candy gets donated to a good cause (see idea No. 1).

This is also a good one if your kiddo has dietary restrictions or food allergies.

Steal it for yourself

One recent survey of 2,000 parents revealed that two-thirds of respondents have stolen candy given to their trick-or-treating child.

We're guessing the other third is lying.

The survey also found the parents cover up their thievery by hiding it and hoping their child



would forget about it, or pretending the candy vanished and saying they were inspecting it—you know, for safety reasons.

We understand this isn't the greatest idea, because parents don't really need the sugar either. But hey, steal it, then refer to ideas 1 through 3 above.

right leg to a bloody pulp with a steel rod. Taha passed out.

When he opened his eyes, he saw the sky. He was outdoors, lying on the ground. The traffickers had dumped him and three other migrants in the desert. Taha tried to jostle the others, but they didn't move—they were dead.

A passing driver took him to a hospital. There, his leg was amputated.

Now 17, Taha is stranded. His father died in a car crash a few months ago, leaving Taha's sister and four younger brothers to fend for themselves back home.

Taha choked back tears. In one of their phone calls, he remembered, his father had asked him: "Why did you leave?"

"Without work or money," Taha told him, "life is unbearable."

And so it is still.

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change my life."

She came from a broken home. She was a child when her parents divorced. Her mother disappeared, and her father—an engineer—remarried and wanted little to do with Zahra or her sisters. Zahra dropped out of school after the third grade. She worked for years in Djibouti as a servant, sending most of her earnings to her youngest sister back in Ethiopia.

Unable to save any money, she decided to try her luck elsewhere.

She spoke in a quiet voice as she described the torments she suffered at the compound.

"I couldn't sleep at all throughout these days," as she suffered from headaches, she said.

She and the other women

were locked in three rooms of the hut, sleeping on the dirt floor, suffocating in the summer heat. They were constantly famished. Zahra suffered from rashes, diarrhea and vomiting.

One group tried to flee when they were allowed to wash at a well outside. The traffickers used dogs to hunt them down, brought them back and beat them.

"You can't imagine," Zahra said. "We could hear the screams." After that, they could only wash at gunpoint.

Finally, early one morning, their captors opened the gates and told Zahra and some of the other women to leave. Apparently, the traffickers gave up on getting money out of them and wanted to make room for others.

Now Zahra lives in Basateen, a slum on the outskirts of southern Yemen's main

"I am speechless about what happened in the boat," the 17-year-old said.

Upon landing, she and the others were taken to a compound, where again she was raped—every day for the next two weeks.

"We lived 15 days in pain,"

she said.

Zahra said she's worried she could be pregnant, and the 17-year-old said she has pains in her abdomen and back she believes were caused by the rapes—but neither has money to go to a doctor.

Nor do they have money to continue their travels.

"I have nothing but the clothes on me," the 17-year-old said. She lost everything, including her only photos of her family.

Now, she is too afraid to even leave her room in Basateen.

"If we get out of here," she said, "we don't know what would happen to us."

Basateen is filled with migrants living in squalid shacks. Some work, trying to earn enough to continue their journey.

Others, like Abdul-Rahman Taha, languish without hope.

The son of a dirt-poor farmer,

Taha had heard stories of Ethiopians returning from Saudi Arabia with enough money to buy a car or build a house. So he sneaked away from home and began walking. When he reached Djibouti, he called home asking for \$400 for smugglers to arrange his trip across Yemen. His father was angry but sold a bull and some goats and sent the money.

When Taha landed at Ras al-Ara, traffickers took him and 50 other migrants to a holding cell, lined them up and demanded phone numbers. Taha couldn't ask his father for more money so he told them he didn't have a number. Over the next days and weeks, he was beaten and left without food and water.

One night, he gave them a wrong number. The traffickers flew into a rage. One, a beefy, bearded Yemeni, beat Taha's

Life & Style

Fake news? No jobs? Prospective journalists soldier on

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)— The Daily Orange isn't daily anymore.

The student-run newspaper that has covered Syracuse University since 1903, and trained generations of journalists, now prints three issues per week. Editor-in-chief

Haley Robertson wonders where she'll find advertisers, worries about firing friends, and searches for alumni donors who will pay to send reporters on the road to cover

"When I look at local news and see what's happening, I'm pessimistic," said Kathleen Culver, journalism professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. "When I look at 18- and 20-year-olds and see what they want to do, I'm optimistic."

Thousands of young journalists train for the future on a dual track, in classrooms and in student-run newsrooms that are models for the places they hope to work someday.

Catherine Leffert, sat on the floor at a campus meeting as that story swirled, tapping out updates on her mobile phone, and slept on the office couch in two-hour intervals. The fraternity was suspended.

Journalists of all ages understand the adrenaline rush.

"Seeing the layoffs and seeing newsroom cutbacks is really disheartening," Leffert said. "But what keeps me wanting to be a journalist and wanting to do it here is seeing the effect that the D.O. has. It's really cool and exciting."

Few college publications have shut down the way local newspapers in towns and cities across the country have, said Chris Evans, president of the College Media Association and adviser to the University of Vermont newspaper. Many are supported by student fees and pay their staff members little if anything.

Thirty-five percent of school papers say they have reduced the frequency of print issues to save money, according to a CMA survey taken earlier this year. Five percent have gone online-only, as the University of Maryland's Diamondback said that it would do early next year. Half of the newspapers that haven't abandoned paper, like the Daily Orange, say they're not printing as many copies.

Robertson touts the transition as a way to follow the industry by going more digital, and the D.O. has an active web site and social media presence. Yet there's only so much staff members can do. They are students, after all.

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the university's sports teams.

These are problems not unlike those that bedevil executives two or three times her age—evidence of how the news industry's woes have seeped onto campuses that try to harness youthful energy and idealism to turn out professionals who can inform the world.

Meanwhile, college journalism educators are changing the way they teach in a race against obsolescence. They're emphasizing versatility and encouraging a spirit of entrepreneurship.

After some brutal years, there are signs of life. Much as the journalistic pursuit of a crooked president in the 1970s inspired a generation, another leader who denounces reporters as enemies on a nearly daily basis has given birth to a new resolve: Enrollment in journalism programs is up.



This Oct. 29, 2019 photo shows Editor-in-Chief Maddy Arrowood, a senior journalism and American history major, checking pages of The Daily Tar Heel, the independent student newspaper of the University of North Carolina at the paper's editorial office in Chapel Hill, N.C. AP

Carolina's Daily Tar Heel switched to three days a week in 2017 when its directors suddenly realized they were going broke, said Maddy Arrowood, the paper's editor-in-chief.

The newspaper cut the pay of staff members and moved into a new, smaller office above a restaurant.

The Daily Tar Heel is testing out newsletters targeted at

people with special interests, and its reporters are trying to attract off-campus readers and advertisers by covering news in the surrounding community of Chapel Hill, N.C.

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DOJ sends letter to publisher of book by 'Anonymous'

NEW YORK (AP)—The Justice Department has sent a letter to the publisher and literary agency of the anonymous government official whose book is scheduled to come out later this month. The letter raises questions over whether any confidentiality agreement has been violated and asked for information that could help reveal the author's identity.

The publisher, Hachette Book Group, responded Monday by saying it would provide no additional information beyond calling the author a "current or former senior official."

The book, "A Warning," is by the official who wrote an essay published last year in The New York Times, alleg-

ing that numerous people in the government were resisting the "misguided impulses" of President Donald Trump. News of the Justice Department letter was first reported by CNN.

"A Warning" has a Nov. 19 release date. The DOJ letter, dated Monday, is from Assistant Attorney General Joseph H. Hunt and addressed to Hachette general counsel Carol F. Ross and to Keith Urbahn and Matt Latimer of the Washington, D.C.-based Javelin literary agency.

"If the author is, in fact, a current or former 'senior official' in the Trump Administration, publication of the book" might violate "that official's legal obligations under

one or more nondisclosure agreements, including nondisclosure agreements that are routinely required with respect to information obtained in the course of one's official responsibilities or as a condition for access to classified information," reads the letter, which Hachette shared with The Associated Press.

"We request that you immediately provide us with your representations that the author did not sign any nondisclosure agreement and that the author did not have access to any classified information in connection with government service. If you cannot make those representations, we ask that you immediately provide either the nondisclosure agree-

ments the author signed or the dates of the author's service and the agencies where the author was employed, so that we may determine the terms of the author's nondisclosure agreements and ensure that they have been followed."

Ross wrote back that the publisher was not "party to any nondisclosure agreements" that would require pre-publication review. Ross added that "Hachette routinely relies on its authors to comply with any contractual obligations they may have" and that it was committed to maintaining the official's anonymity.

"Hachette respectfully declines to provide you with the information your letter seeks," she wrote.

Trump plugs son's book while accusing Bidens of self-dealing

WASHINGTON (AP)—

President Donald Trump has accused former Vice President Joe Biden of major ethical lapses and railed against Biden's son for allegedly profiting off his father's office.

But on Monday, Trump used his Twitter feed to publicize a new book by his eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., telling his 66.5 million followers that they should "Go order it today!"

"My son, @DonaldJTrumpJr is coming out with a new book, 'Triggered: How the Left Thrives on Hate and Wants to Silence Us'—available tomorrow, November 5th!" Trump wrote on Monday, calling it a "great new book that I highly recommend for ALL to read."

That kind of promotional tweet would be a violation of ethics rules if it had come from any federal employee other than the president, said Liz Hempowicz, the director of public policy at the Project on Government Oversight, a nonpartisan government watchdog group.

"Frankly he's using his Twitter account to try to financially benefit his son," she said Monday. "That's not only distasteful, but it's a misuse of public office and it

would be an official misuse of public office if it was anyone other than the president."

The tweet also highlights a well-practiced tactic of Trump trying to turn a weakness into an attack on his opponents.

In this case, Trump has zeroed in on Biden's son Hunter, going as far as to ask foreign governments, including Ukraine and China, to investigate the Biden family's business dealings. Those efforts helped spark the impeachment inquiry into his conduct.

Biden is a leading contender for the Democratic nomination and could face Trump in the general election next year.

"The Biden family was PAID OFF, pure and simple!" Trump insisted in a tweet last month, despite no evidence suggesting that the former vice president received any payments or that Hunter Biden did anything illegal. The younger Biden has acknowledged he displayed poor judgment when he took a post on the board of a Ukrainian energy firm, Burisma, after his father became the Obama administration's point person on U.S.-Ukraine relations.

Geoffrey Rush fights appeal in Australian defamation court

SYDNEY (AP)—Geoffrey Rush's lawyer told an Australian appeals court on Tuesday that a judge had been "well and truly justified" in concluding the Oscar-winning actor was unable to work after he was defamed in newspaper articles in 2017.

The actor's lawyer Bret Walker rejected a publisher's submission to the three Federal Court judges hearing an appeal that the trial judge heard no evidence Rush had been unable to work and had fewer job offers as a result of the articles.

News Corp.-owned Nationwide News is appealing judge Michael Wigley's ruling in April that Rush had been defamed by newspaper reports that he had been accused of inappropriate behavior by actress Eryn Jean Norvill. She played the daughter of Rush's starring character in a Sydney theater production of "King Lear" in 2015 and 2016.

The publisher is also appealing against the size of Rush's



Rush

The publisher's lawyer Tom Blackburn told the court on Monday that Wigley "cobbled together" speculation and inference to find Rush was unable to work because of his state of mind following the publications and had fewer job offers since then.

Walker replied on Tuesday that Rush testified about the devastating effects the publications had on his mental state while other evidence heard during the trial supported conclusions he was unable to work and had fewer job offers.

The publisher's lawyers had never accused Rush of pretending in cross-examination during the trial and Wigley had accepted the actor's sincerity, Walker said.



A member of the Brazilian theater group Clowns of Shakespeare spits fire during a performance in Bogota, Colombia, Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019.

Censorship or caution? Culture war burns in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—The clowns were already on stage, faces painted white, costumes carefully adjusted. It was to be the troupe's second show of "Abrazo," a play for children about a fictional dictatorship in which hugging is outlawed. The actors breathed deeply, waiting for the public to take its seats.

Then a government representative hustled in and pulled the plug on the show.

The clowns were in breach of contract, or so the state-owned bank that owns the theater argued later. They'd made the mistake of talking politics with the audience during the show's debut—a taboo in President Jair Bolsonaro's Brazil if your production receives public money.

"It's a suspension of our right of expression, disguised in a legal cloak," said Fernando Yamamoto, director of

the Clowns de Shakespeare theater troupe. "It's hard for us to view this as anything other than censorship."

"Abrazo" is among the growing list of shows, plays, conferences and other artistic projects that have been abruptly canceled since Bolsonaro took office Jan. 1. Bolsonaro and his close political circle, advertising their ties to former Donald Trump strategist Steve Bannon, have vowed to fight "cultural Marxism" from school benches to movie theaters and museums.

In July, he said he would "extinguish" the country's National Cinema Agency were he not able to impose a "filter" on its production.

Newspaper columnists, the president of Brazil's bar association and celebrated artists including Fernanda Montenegro and Vik Muniz have said Bolsonaro's cultural conser-

vatism may lead to routine censorship and public money drying up for progressive artistic projects.

Federal prosecutors, who are independent of the executive branch, have also sought to reverse several decisions by Bolsonaro's administration, arguing they violate constitutional right to artistic freedom.

Bolsonaro, an outspoken Christian and former army captain during the country's 1964-1985 military dictatorship, has bristled at the accusations of censorship and made clear that while his government doesn't plan to finance projects at odds with traditional values, they can still be privately financed.

"We're not going to persecute anyone, but Brazil's changed," Bolsonaro said in a speech transmitted to a conservative gathering on Oct. 5. "With public money we won't

see certain types of works. That's not censorship. That's preserving Christian values, treating your youth with respect, recognizing families."

In his studio nested in the tropical vegetation of Rio de Janeiro's hillside Gavea neighborhood, one of Brazil's most famous contemporary artists, Vik Muniz, said he regretted that politicians in Brazil have become "the curators of our culture," which he considers a type of censorship.

"People blame Bolsonaro, in the US people blame Trump, but you have to look a little further in the issue," Muniz said. "You have to understand we have elected these people. What kind of social forces have enabled these people with this kind of thinking to be in power? Whether you like it or not, these people represent the bulk of the population."

3 ancient shipwrecks discovered off Aegean island of Kasos

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece's Culture Ministry says three shipwrecks from ancient

and mediaeval times and large sections of their cargoes have been discovered off the small

Seoul police investigating BTS member over traffic accident

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Police said Monday they're investigating a member of K-pop superstar group BTS over a traffic accident that left him and a taxi driver with minor injuries.

BTS' agency, Big Hit Entertainment, said 22-year-old Jungkook admitted that he caused the accident by violating traffic laws and reached a settlement with the driver. The agency said the singer and driver both avoided serious injury.

"We apologize again to the victim and also to fans for causing concern," the agency said in an emailed statement.

Seoul police said Jungkook was booked and an investigation of his case was underway in line with traffic law.

A police officer in charge of traffic accidents in Seoul described the case as minor

because the incident did not cause much human or property damage. The officer, who requested anonymity because the investigation was underway, also said the case didn't involve drunken driving or any other serious offenses.

South Korean media reported earlier Monday that Jungkook and the taxi driver suffered bruises in the Saturday crash. The Segye Ilbo newspaper, citing police, said Jungkook violated unspecified traffic rules while driving his Mercedes Benz and hit the taxi on a Seoul street. Yonhap news agency cited police as saying that they plan to summon Jungkook soon.

BTS has a large international following and was the first K-pop act to debut atop the Billboard Album chart last year with "Love Yourself: Tear."

NBC's Bell, producer for Fallon and Olympics, departs

NEW YORK (AP)—NBC executive Jim Bell, who has produced the last four Olympics for the network and been in charge backstage at Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight" show for the past year, says he's leaving NBC.

Bell said in a statement that the timing was perfect to forge a new path that would build on his experience in news, sports and entertainment.

He was a longtime producer of the "Today" show before

moving to the Olympics, where he was in charge of NBC's prime-time telecasts. Since 2017, Bell had been in charge of all Olympics content across all platforms.

At "Tonight," he steered Fallon into more live shows. But the show hasn't gained ground against ratings leader Stephen Colbert at CBS.

NBC says a former "Tonight" producer, Gavin Purcell, will fill in at the show.



In this undated photo provided by the Greek Culture Ministry on Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, an archeologist takes part in an underwater excavation at the small Aegean island of Kasos, Greece.

AP

Aegean island of Kasos.

A statement Monday said an underwater survey that ended last month also located cannons and other scattered finds—possibly from other foundered vessels that have not yet been pinpointed.

The oldest of the wrecks found was a 2,300-year-old trader. Its surviving cargo included amphorae—large jars used to transport wine, oil or foodstuffs—and fine tableware. Archaeologists also located five stone anchors in

the wreck.

The two other ships dated to the 1st century B.C. and the 8th-10th century A.D.

Kasos lies between Crete and Rhodes on what remains a key trade route linking the Aegean with the Middle East.

Carol Burnett returning to 'Mad About You' revival

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Carol Burnett will be among the familiar faces gracing the "Mad About You" revival.

Sony Pictures Television announced Monday that Burnett will reprise her Emmy-winning role as the mother of Helen Hunt's character. "Mad About You" is returning for a limited run on the Spectrum Originals streaming service later this month.

Hunt and Reiser play the Buchmans, a New York married couple, in the NBC series that aired 164 episodes before its finale in May 1999. The revival will focus on the Buchmans and their marriage after their daughter leaves for college.

"Mad About You" won 12 Emmy Awards, including four for Hunt and one of Burnett in 1997.

The revival debuts on Nov. 20 and will conclude its season on Dec. 18.



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It is given annually to honor someone "who has made outstanding contributions to television on or off the screen." The first Carol Burnett Award last year fittingly went to Burnett herself.

In a statement, association President Lorenzo Soria hailed DeGeneres as "a pioneer who has captivated audiences for nearly 25 years with her undeniable charm and wit."

Teen self-conscious about his body hesitates to start dating

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 19-year-old male and suffer from a predicament. Let's just say my "package" has been delivered undersized." It is depressing, and it has held me back from going after girls. I decline dates because I feel so self-conscious.

Now, people are starting to ask me why I haven't had a girlfriend yet. The truth is, I'm terrified about the reaction I'll get if I ever end up in the bedroom. I'm still a virgin because of this large (yet small) dilemma. Do you have any advice on what I should do to fix this?

SMALL PROBLEM IN THE USA

DEAR SMALL PROBLEM: As a matter of fact, I do. Males (and females, too) come in a variety of sizes, and there is a broad range that defines "normal." Because this bothers you to the extent that you are afraid of a normal social life, pay a visit to your doctor to have an honest discussion. Size does not necessarily dictate the degree of satisfaction a couple can achieve, and you can take THAT statement to the bank.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are 70, married 44 years and have one adult child. My wife has four friends she meets for coffee once a month. One of them mentioned at the gathering how proud I am of our son, who has lost 80 pounds due to a

disciplined change in his lifestyle. My wife was embarrassed that I told her friend. I thought it was a good thing. My wife said it made her look bad in the eyes of her friends, who all portray their children as without-blemish-perfect. I told my wife I thought she was very insecure. I am confused about her reaction. Can you give me any insight?

IT'S A GOOD THING

DEAR GOOD THING: You did nothing wrong. Your son's achievement is significant and to be applauded. Your wife may have preferred her friends not know that her son had a severe weight problem, although if they are all "good" friends and any of them had seen him, it would have been obvious. Not knowing your wife, I can't offer more insight than that.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for only a few months, and I think he is already losing interest. He has stopped saying I love you and hasn't kissed me or given me any affection in weeks. I'm afraid he is falling out of love with me, although I have done everything possible to keep the love flowing. Am I doing something wrong, or am I becoming unattractive? Please tell me what to do, Abby. I really want to save this marriage.

DESPERATE WIFE

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR DESPERATE: Rather than try to read your husband's mind or guess the reason for his change in behavior, ask him calmly about it. His change in behavior may have nothing to do with you or the state of your marriage. He may be stressed about something, but you will never know unless you ask.

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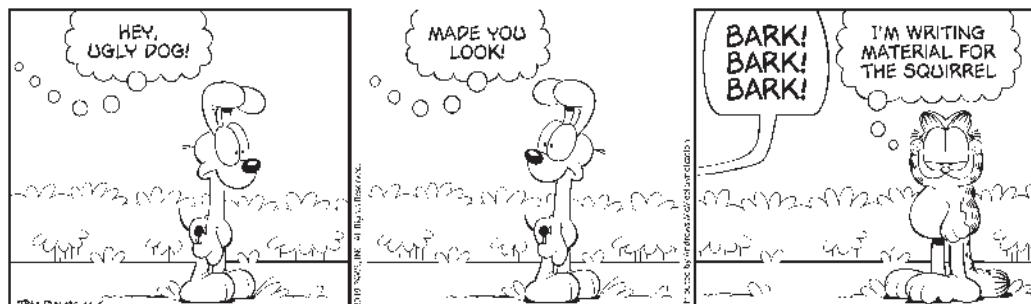
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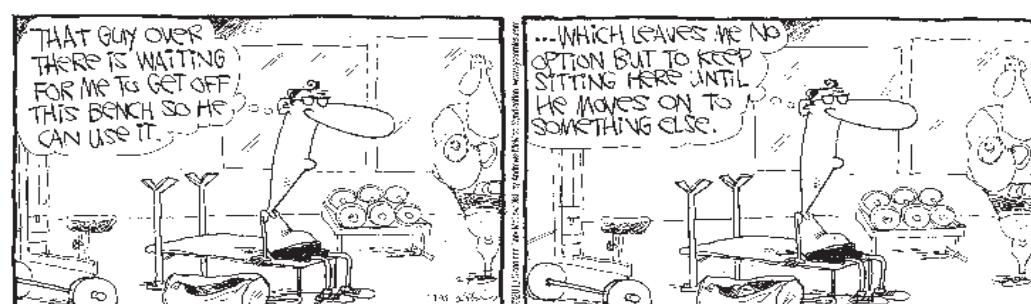
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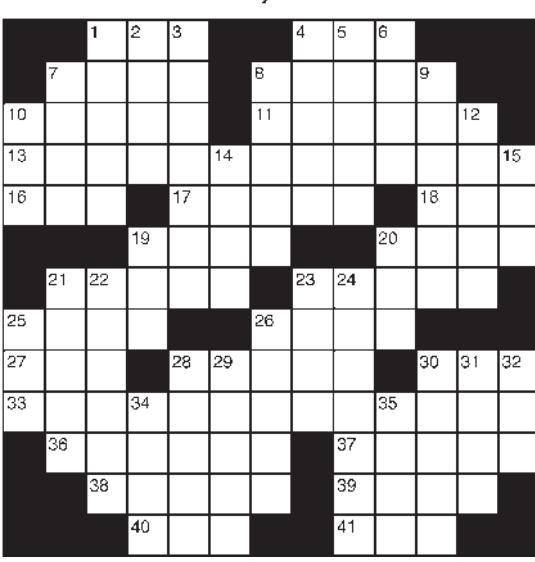
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By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 23 mins.

 Yesterday's answer 11-6



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): When your way is blocked, head in the direction that is available to you. Don't waste time trying to do the impossible when you are supposed to succeed by taking a different path. Go with the flow and doors will open. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The desire for change will grow, and the options you have to work with will diminish, giving you greater insight into what's possible. Seize the moment, and funnel your energy where it counts the most. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Concentrate on what will make your life easier. Say no to those offering one-sided conversations based on their needs, not yours. Make a move in a direction that will make you feel good about yourself and your accomplishments. **★★**

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place. Be the barometer, and you'll turn into the centerpiece. **★★★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Test your strength and courage. Take on a challenge that will pump you up and prepare you for future competitions. Learn from experience, and remember what and who disappointed you. Doing the groundwork is an essential component of being successful. **★★★**

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get serious about what you want, how you express yourself and who you associate with moving forward. Don't wait for people and opportunities to come to you. Step things up a bit, and make things happen. Choose to participate. **★★★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep an open mind, but don't be gullible. Someone will try to take advantage of you. Ask questions, find out where you stand and see what's expected of you. Live up to your promises, and stand up for your rights. **★★**

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your emotions with the person you know and trust to keep a secret. Keep your life and your plans doable and straightforward. Make subtle changes that will help you help yourself as well as others. Be a good Samaritan. **★★★★**

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By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

6	8	4	9	7	5	3	2	1
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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwords. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

KEEN

Solution: 6 letters

A	T	I	E	N	R	G	Y	T	Y	N	A
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AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. TREASURER'S REPORT
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Approval of two(2) Recipients for Scholarship
 - 1. Degree Program
 - 2. Vocational Education Program
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Review of TMSB budget
 - 1. PLL 21-7
 - B. Review plan to revise TMSB Policies
 - C. Review of the DFEMS request for assistance for the Recreational Diving Training
 - D. Plan to reorganize office operations
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

/S/Rodney S. Cabares
Chairman

We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments on the day of the meeting. Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time. Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.



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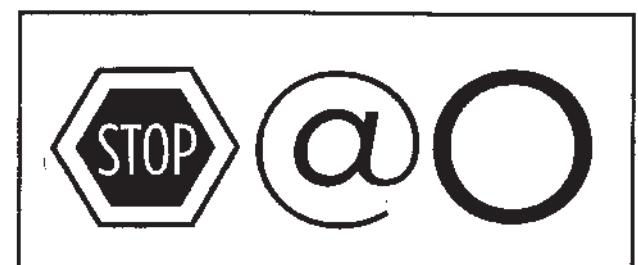
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MadBum gets offer, Martinez stays with Red Sox



SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

Madison Bumgarner was among 10 free agents who received \$17.8 million qualifying offers from their former teams on Monday, a move that likely will decrease demand for the 30-year-old left-hander.

Bumgarner, the 2014 World Series MVP, went 9-9 with a 3.90 ERA over 34 starts this year after two injury-shortened seasons. San Francisco also made a qualifying offer to left-handed reliever Will Smith.

Six pitchers received the qualifying offers among the 168 free agents, including right-handers Gerrit Cole (Houston), Stephen Strasburg (Washington), Zack Wheeler (New York Mets) and Jake Odorizzi (Minnesota). The others given the offers were third basemen Anthony Rendon (Washington) and Josh Donaldson (Atlanta), first baseman José Abreu (Chicago White Sox) and outfielder Marcell Ozuna (St. Louis).

On the day before free agents can start negotiating contracts with all teams, Red Sox designated hitter J.D. Martinez decided to stay in Boston instead of becoming a free agent, declining an option that would have voided the last three years and \$62.5 million owed as part of the \$110 million, five-year contract he signed after teams had reported to spring training in 2018.

Elvis Andrus is staying with the Rangers after the shortstop passed on a second chance to opt out of his contract, give up \$43 million over the next three years and become a free agent.

Milwaukee cut \$15 million in payroll for next season, trading right-hander Chase Anderson to Toronto for out-



In this Sept. 24, 2019 file photo, San Francisco Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner works against the Colorado Rockies during the first inning of a baseball game in San Francisco. AP

field/first base prospect Chad Spanberger and declining a \$7.5 million option on power-hitting first baseman Eric Thames. Anderson was 8-4 with a 4.21 ERA in 27 starts and five relief appearances. Milwaukee had planned to decline his \$8.5 million option, which would have made him eligible for salary arbitration, and Toronto exercised the option following the trade.

Pittsburgh exercised options on right-hander Chris Archer (\$9 million) and outfielder Starling Marte (\$11.5 million), preventing them from becoming free agents.

Among those whose options were declined were Los Ange-

les Angels outfielder Kole Calhoun, Atlanta right-hander Julio Teheran, Minnesota left-hander Martín Pérez, Philadelphia right-handers Jared Hughes and Pat Neshek, and Phillies left-hander Jason Vargas.

A new team signing a player who turned down the qualifying offer would lose at least one pick in next year's amateur draft as compensation unless a deal is struck after the draft starts in June. Compensation caused pitchers Dallas Keuchel and Craig Kimbrel to wait until after the draft to sign 2019 deals.

Players have until 5 p.m. EST on Nov. 14 to accept.

Qualifying offers began af-

ter the 2012 season, and only three of 80 offers have been accepted: New York Mets second baseman Neil Walker and Philadelphia pitcher Jeremy Hellickson after the 2016 season and Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu last offseason.

A free agent can be made a qualifying offer only if he has been with the same team continuously since opening day and has never received a qualifying offer before.

The Yankees failed to make a \$17.8 million qualifying offer to Didi Gregorius and will not receive draft-pick compensation if the free-agent shortstop signs with another team.

Gregorius, who turns 30

in February, came back from Tommy John surgery in early June and hit .238 with 16 homers and 61 RBIs in 82 games.

If New York doesn't re-sign Gregorius, it could move Gleyber Torres from second to shortstop, make DJ LeMahieu the regular second baseman and allocate more payroll to starting pitching.

Tyler Lyons, who earned a spot on the Yankees' post-season roster as a left-handed reliever, refused an outright assignment to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and elected to become a free agent.

The 31-year-old was released by Pittsburgh in August and signed with New York.

He struck out 12 and walked two in 8 2/3 innings during 11 appearances with the Yankees in September. He made one appearance each in the Division Series against Minnesota and the Championship Series vs. Houston, striking out four over 1 2/3 hitless innings.

The price of the qualifying offer is determined by the average of the top 125 major league contracts this year and it dropped by \$100,000.

Atlanta declined \$6 million options on outfielder Nick Markakis and catcher Tyler Flowers, triggering \$2 million buyouts, then agreed to \$4 million, one-year contracts with both.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump mostly stuck to sports Monday while honoring the World Series champion Washington Nationals, who had a handful of players skip the White House visit.

Amid an impeachment inquiry on Capitol Hill and Washington feting its first Major League Baseball champion since 1924, Trump hugged Kurt Suzuki after the catcher put on a "Make America Great Again" hat. Trump received a No. 45 Nationals jersey from first baseman Ryan Zimmerman, applauding the team's first title and calling it a "comeback story for the ages."

"Everyone fell in love with Nats baseball," Trump said during the half-hour ceremony on the South Lawn attended by thousands of fans. "That's all they wanted to talk about" that and impeachment. I like

World Series champs Nationals honored at White House

Nats baseball more."

Reliever Sean Doolittle, who along with his wife has worked with Syrian refugees and military veterans and supports gay rights, did not attend the event. Also among those not listed as attending were National League MVP finalist Anthony Rendon, outfielders Victor Robles and Michael A. Taylor, and pitchers Joe Ross, Javy Guerra and Wander Suero.

Principal owner Mark Lerner was the only member of the ownership group listed as attending.

Eighteen of the 25 players on Washington's World Series roster decided to go, including World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg, who opted out of the final four years of his contract but could re-sign for a more lucrative deal. Fans chanted "Four more years!"

Four more years" at Strasburg.

The Nationals on Monday tendered qualifying offers to Strasburg and Rendon, another free agent.

Despite Suzuki trading in the Nationals' curly "W" for Trump's signature hat and Zimmerman thanking the president for keeping the country safe and continuing to make it the best on earth, the Nationals' visit did not have as much political undertones as when the 2018 champion Boston Red Sox visited the White House.

They did so without manager Alex Cora, who did not attend that ceremony after citing his frustration with the administration's efforts to help his native Puerto Rico recover from a devastating hurricane.

Washington manager Dave Martinez, whose parents are

Puerto Rican, was in attendance

and made some brief remarks to the delight of fans and players. Trump called it a record crowd, saying, "We've never had this many people on the front lawn of the White House." The White House estimated an attendance of 5,300.

The U.S. Marine Corps band played the team into the ceremony with "Baby Shark," which became the Nationals' unofficial theme song as they went from 17-31 in May to World Series champions.

"It's miraculous what we did," NL Championship Series MVP Howie Kendrick said. "We brought a title back."

After Trump singled out Strasburg, Kendrick, pitcher Anibal Sánchez and other playoff heroes, players exited with the World Series trophy to the strains of "We Are The

in 2012, '13, '15 and '18.

Washington third baseman Anthony Rendon, Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Cody Bellinger and Milwaukee outfielder Christian Yelich are the top three for the NL honor. Yelich won last year's NL MVP award with 29 of 30 first-place votes.

Houston's Gerrit Cole and Justin Verlander are finalists for the AL Cy Young Award along with Tampa Bay's Charlie Morton, the Baseball Writers' Association of America said Monday. Verlander won the 2011 Cy Young with Detroit, when he also was voted MVP.

New York Mets ace Jacob deGrom is a finalist for the NL Cy Young Award after getting 29 of 30 first-place votes last year. He is competing with Washington's Max Scherzer and the Dodgers' Hyun-Jin Ryu. Scherzer is a three-time Cy Young winner.

Trout is seeking his third

MVP after winning in 2014 and '16. He finished second

Shorthanded Warriors beat Blazers for 1st home win



SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Those familiar chants of ‘M-V-P!’ weren’t for Stephen Curry this time but rather a rookie named Eric Paschall who delivered a special performance on his 23rd birthday.

Not to mention the Warriors’ first win at new Chase Center -- finally.

Everyone can exhale now.

Paschall hit a key 3-pointer with 4:05 remaining and finished with 34 points and 13 rebounds, leading injury-plagued Golden State to a 127-118 victory against Damian Lillard and the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night.

“That was a little crazy. For a rookie you hear MVP, that’s a ‘wow’ moment,” Paschall said. “I thank Dub Nation for believing in me.”

Without all their injured stars, the young Warriors more than hung tough -- they shined—against a Western Conference contender as Klay Thompson cheered from the sideline. Golden State (2-5) improved to 1-4 at home -- the team hasn’t started 0-5 in its own building since losing its initial six home games in 1997-98.

“Just a fantastic effort by the whole group. Everybody that we put in came in and gave us big minutes,” coach Steve Kerr said. “It was just fun. It’s a fun group to coach because they’re young and hungry and they were fighting like crazy out there the whole game. That’s a good team they just beat. It was a great night for us.”

Lillard, no longer playing in his hometown of Oakland when he visits the Bay Area, notched his fourth 30-point performance in the first seven games with 39 points on 15-for-26 shooting, including five 3-pointers. Blazers center Hassan Whiteside added 22 points and 11 rebounds after missing one game with a bone bruise in his left knee.

Golden State, which swept Portland in the Western Conference finals last season on the way to a fifth straight NBA Finals, led 90-83 early in the fourth quarter before the Blazers fought back.

“They competed from the beginning, they played hard, they moved the ball really well,” Lillard said. “They played like a team that wanted to win. We got outplayed start to finish, I would say. We had some moments in the game, but we played like we just thought we were going to march in here and win the game, and they showed why they’re in the NBA. That’s a tough loss.”

Paschall’s late 3 put the Warriors ahead 107-99.



Golden State Warriors guard Damion Lee, middle, loses the ball as he is fouled by Portland Trail Blazers forward Mario Hezonja (44) during the second half of an NBA game in San Francisco, Monday, Nov. 4, 2019. Also pictured at left is Trail Blazers’ CJ McCollum.

all seven games this season.

Khris Middleton added 26 points to match his season high, and Eric Bledsoe set a season best with 22. Bledsoe added nine rebounds and six assists for the Bucks in a game delayed 50 minutes so one of the baskets could be fixed before tipoff.

Andrew Wiggins led the Timberwolves with 25 points. Minnesota played without center Karl-Anthony Towns, who served the second game of a two-game suspension.

Milwaukee broke open the game with a 38-point third quarter that included a 22-6 run.

Wizards 115, Pistons 99

In Washington, Bradley Beal’s 20 points and six assists helped the Wizards’ shake off an ugly loss and beat the depleted Pistons in a half-empty arena while ending Detroit star Andre Drummond’s 20-20 streak.

Two days after losing by 22 at home to Minnesota, the Wizards improved to 2-4 thanks to 14 points and eight rebounds from Thomas Bryant, and nine points and six assists from Isaiah Thomas in his first start of the season.

Rookie forward Rui Hachimura bounced back from his worst game as a pro with 10 first-quarter points for Washington and ended up with 12 points and four rebounds.

Luke Kennard led the Pistons with 24 points. Detroit was without Blake Griffin (left hamstring and knee), Derrick Rose (right hamstring) and Reggie Jackson (lower back).

from 3-point range, and 7 of 7 on free throws.

Playing without suspended star Joel Embiid, the 76ers (5-1) were led by Al Horford’s 32 points. Horford tied a career high with five 3-pointers and shot 13 of 20 from the field. Tobias Harris added 24 points and Furkan Korkmaz had 20.

Rockets 107, Grizzlies 100

In Memphis, James Harden scored 44 points, and Houston recovered from a poor performance one night earlier to earn a victory over the Grizzlies.

Harden carried the load for the Rockets, who didn’t shoot particularly well and were without Russell Westbrook because he had the night off for rest. The 2018 NBA MVP finished 12 of 28 from the field, including 7 of 16 from

3-point range. He added 10 rebounds and six assists.

Eric Gordon scored 16 points, and Clint Capela had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Rookie guard Ja Morant led the Grizzlies with 23 points and six assists.

The game got testy with about two minutes left when Grizzlies forward Jae Crowder appeared to take a shot to the groin while guarding Harden. After the foul was called on Crowder, Harden and the Grizzlies exchanged words, leading to Crowder’s ejection.

Bucks 134, Timberwolves 106

In Minneapolis, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 34 points and 15 rebounds as Milwaukee beat Minnesota.

Last season’s NBA MVP has posted a double-double in

with the first four in the West.

Suns 114, 76ers 109

In Phoenix, Devin Booker scored 40 points, Ricky Rubio added 21 points and 10 assists, and Phoenix beat the NBA’s final undefeated team by knocking off Philadelphia.

Phoenix (5-2) is three games over .500 for the first time in more than four years. The surprising Suns are on a three-game winning streak and off to their best seven-game start since 2013.

Booker, serenaded with MVP chants from the home crowd in the fourth quarter, has 6,003 points in his career. He’s the eighth-youngest player in NBA history to reach 6,000. The fifth-year guard, who turned 23 last week, finished 15 of 19 from the field, including 3 of 4

Nadal returns to No. 1 despite Djokovic’s win in Paris

PARIS—Rafael Nadal’s return to the world number one position for the eighth time in his career was confirmed when the ATP rankings were released on Monday.

The Spaniard leapfrogs Novak Djokovic even though the Serb sealed his fifth Paris Masters title on Sunday with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Canadian Denis Shapovalov.

Nadal, whose last stint at the top ended a year ago on November 4, 2018, withdrew from his semi-final against Shapovalov in Paris with an abdominal muscle strain.

Djokovic slips down the rankings because he loses the

points that he won a year ago in London when Nadal was absent.

The 2019 battle between Nadal, winner of the French and US Opens, and Djokovic who triumphed in Australia and Wimbledon, is set to go to the wire as either could still finish the year at number one.

If the Spaniard does not play or fails to win a round-robin match at the World Tour Finals, Djokovic must claim two group-stage victories and make the final to pass him.

Djokovic would also be

sure of the year-end top rank-

ing should he win the tournament and Nadal does not reach the semis.

Nadal first reached number one on August 18, 2008 when he was just 22. He has spent 197 weeks at the top, the sixth highest in ATP history behind Roger Federer (310), Pete Sampras (286), Djokovic (275), Ivan Lendl (270) and Jimmy Connors (268).

The following is the ATP rankings as of Nov. 4: 1. Rafael Nadal (ESP) 9,585 pts (+1); 2. Novak Djokovic (SRB) 8,945 (-1); 3. Roger Federer (SUI) 6,190; 4. Daniil Medvedev (RUS) 5,705; 5. Dominic

Thiem (AUT) 5,025; 6. Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) 4,000 (+1); 7. Alexander Zverev (GER) 2,945 (-1); 8. Matteo Berrettini (ITA) 2,670 (+1); 9. Roberto Bautista (ESP) 2,540 (+1); 10. Gaël Monfils (FRA) 2,530 (+3); 11. David Goffin (BEL) 2,335 (+3); 12. Fabio Fognini (ITA) 2,290; 13. Kei Nishikori (JPN) 2,180 (-2); 14. Diego Schwartzman (ARG) 2,125 (+1); 15. Denis Shapovalov (CAN) 2,050 (+13); 16. Stan Wawrinka (SUI) 2,000; 17. Karen Khachanov (RUS) 1,840 (-9); 18. Alex De Minaur (AUS) 1,775; 19. John Isner (USA) 1,770 (-2); 20. Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) 1,747 (+7).



Prescott's 3 TDs lead Cowboys past Giants



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—First, the black cat ran on the field.

Then the Dallas Cowboys scampered past the New York Giants.

Dak Prescott shook off an interception on his first pass and threw for three touchdowns, and the Cowboys turned three Daniel Jones turnovers into 13 points on their way to a 37-18 win over the Giants in a Monday night game that was briefly delayed in the second quarter by an elusive feline.

“Things weren’t good up to that point,” Prescott said about the game before the cat appeared. “It could only get better from there. I definitely thought about that. I guess we’ll start rolling now that the black cat’s come in bad for the Giants. It was fun. First time I’ve seen an animal run on the field that I’ve been a part of.”

Ezekiel Elliott ran for a season-high 139 yards as Dallas (5-3) beat New York (2-7) for the sixth straight time. DeMarcus Lawrence had one of the Cowboys’ five sacks.

Prescott hit Blake Jarwin for a much-needed 42-yard touchdown late in the second quarter. He added a 15-yarder to Michael Gallup and a 45-yarder to Amari Cooper in the fourth.

Brett Maher kicked three field goals, including a 52-yarder in the waning seconds of the first half that gave Dallas the lead for good after falling behind 12-3 in the second quarter. Jourdan Lewis



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott, right, hands off the ball to running back Ezekiel Elliott during the first quarter of an NFL game against the New York Giants, Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, in East Rutherford, N.J.

scored on a 63-yard fumble return in the final seconds.

The win gave the Cowboys a half-game lead over Philadelphia (5-4) in the NFC East and improved their record in the division to 4-0, including a win over the Eagles.

Jones threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Cody Latimer for fading New York. Aldrick Rosas hit four field goals, but

he also missed an extra point attempt that was important in sending New York to its fifth straight loss.

“You can’t lose the turnover battle and expect to win any game,” Giants defensive back Michael Thomas said. “We’re making young mistakes. If we stop them we’ll start playing winning football. It’s not just the offense, it’s de-

fense and special teams, too. It’s two or three plays a game where we hand the other team points.”

Rosas’ 25-yarder gave the Giants a 12-3 lead with 2:50 left, but the Cowboys scored 10 points in the final 52 seconds of the half to take a 13-12 lead.

Jarwin, who has scored five of his six career touchdowns

against the Giants, rambled most of the 42 yards on the score to get Dallas within 12-10 with 52 seconds remaining in the half.

Xavier Woods intercepted a third-down pass by Jones on the ensuing series and returned it to the Giants 38, setting up Maher’s go-ahead field goal on the final play.

The teams exchanged field

goals in the third quarter, with a Jones fumble forced by Woods setting up Dallas. Rosas answered for New York.

The chippy fourth quarter belonged to Dallas and Prescott, who finished 22 of 35 for 257 yards. He has thrown for 12 TDs against New York in the last four games.

Jones finished 26 of 41 for 210 yards, including a 65-yard play by Saquon Barkley, his longest reception.

“I just thought we started to play the way we wanted to play,” Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said of his team’s slow start coming off a bye week. “I do think we dominated them up front. Zeke ran the ball really well. That’s certainly a part of us playing our best offensive football.”

Before the game was suspended by the cat, the Giants were winning 9-3 and Prescott had 84 yards and an interception by Antoine Bethea on the opening play from scrimmage. After El Gato appeared, Dallas outscored New York 34-9 and Prescott had 173 yards, three TDs and no interceptions.

Jones has dropped five in a row after winning his first two starts. The only other rookie quarterback who lost five in a row after winning his first two starts was John Elway in 1983, according to Stats.

BALTIMORE—After the “Lamar Jackson Show” upstaged Bill Belichick’s great defensive adventure on Sunday night, there’s no further need for comparisons to the ‘85 Bears, Steel Curtain or Ray-Ray and Pals.

All of the talk about the New England Patriots fielding one of the greatest defenses in history was way premature, not that it was coming from Belichick & Co. But the notion grew so much even though it needed to come with an asterisk.

“We’re just playing,” Patriots linebacker Kyle Van Noy said. “The media are going to say...”

It’s a long season?

“Yeah. We can say that when the season’s over, versus when you’re in it,” Van Noy added. “We’re just focusing on ourselves, trying to get better.”

The Patriots must have felt like they were, well, seeing some ghosts as the Ravens rushed for 210 yards and Jackson hit on crisp passes as Baltimore started with a bang and ended with a flurry in de-

Ravens give Patriots’ defense reality check

livering a 37-20 reality check.

This wasn’t the same defense that allowed just 7.6 points per game and collected 25 takeaways through the first half of the season. Same players, but nowhere near the same results. That happens. There are off nights, when it may seem those uniforms are manned by ghosts.

Then again, let’s not forget that until Sunday night, the best offense the Patriots (8-1) had faced was the Buffalo Bills ... in a game when Josh Allen was knocked out with a concussion.

No disrespect to the Bills O. But they aren’t exactly Joe Montana’s 49ers.

The Patriots’ defense bullied offenses of the Jets (twice), Giants, Dolphins, Washington and Steelers-in-transition. A week before seeing the Ravens, they handled the Browns ... who lost in Denver on Sunday.

They can’t be knocked for

beating teams on their schedule. And the Patriots’ defense surely put the clamps on Sean McVay’s high-flying offense to win the last Super Bowl. It just all begged for context, which came in the form of flunking the test against the Ravens.

“It was a ‘do-your-job’ game,” Patriots safety Devin McCourty said. “If each guy doesn’t do their job and do it well, then we’re going to struggle.”

Jackson averaged just 3.8 yards on 16 rushes and passed for just 163 yards. But those fair-to-middling numbers are so deceiving. The problem—the word Belichick used last week in describing the threat Jackson poses—is that the Patriots couldn’t stop him when they needed to the most. He pretty much danced into the end zone from 3 yards out for his first touchdown on a keeper around the left end. Not a soul was within 5 yards.

But he was really at his best on a pair of 14-play touchdown drives—which chewed up nearly 18 minutes of clock time—that broke the back of the Patriots’ defense. On a pivotal 3rd-and-5, he threw a dime to tight end Mark Andrews for an 18-yard gain, high-pointing the back-shoulder pass. That led to the 4th-and-4 conversion when he bought time rolling right, then dumped a 7-yard completion to Willie Snead. Then came an ankle-breaking juke on an 11-yard scramble to set up a touchdown.

On the next drive, Jackson & Co. converted four third downs. Not enough answers. But it wasn’t just Jackson. Mark Ingram had a 115-yard night bolstered by a 53-yard jaunt.

“There were times we were good on Lamar, but then Ingram split us,” McCourty said.

And there were times, too, when they didn’t set the edge on Jackson.

Just when you may have thought that the Ravens had lost their composure after two turnovers helped the Patriots rally from a 17-point deficit with 13 unanswered points, it was New England that seemingly lost its cool.

That might explain why linebacker Dont’a Hightower was caught by the cameras fuming at teammates on the sideline. Afterward, Hightower was nowhere to be found, his locker emptied with barely a trace.

“I think he was just telling the guys to keep playing,” McCourty said. “A part of this game is character. Keep playing each down, even when the game is out of hand and it’s not going your way.”

It was striking, too, that the Patriots defense committed four penalties—three before the snap—that gave the Ravens first downs. That’s not typical of the discipline that this defense is built with.

Add it to the pile of correc-

tions to address as New England heads into a bye week. It would be a stretch to consider the Ravens’ victory as a “blueprint” for handling the Patriots’ defense. No other team has a threat quite like Jackson. But there are more prolific offenses coming. Over the course of three weeks, beginning in Week 12, New England will face Dallas, Houston and Kansas City—three teams with difference-making stars who will test the mettle of Belichick’s defense.

One game does not constitute a trend. Belichick’s pattern in winning six Super Bowls has been to make the corrections, build throughout the season and make a run for glory. That can happen again with this unit. But not because they are destined to rank among the best defenses ever.

As McCourty put it, “It’s a week-to-week thing. This week it didn’t work out.”

There’s still time for the Patriots to make history. Just not the history we’ve heard so much about lately.

Saipan to host Micronesian Championships anew

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The Oceania Athletics Association has chosen Saipan anew to host one of the three regional championships next year.

The 2020 Oceania Microne-

sian Regional Championships will take place at the Oleai Sports Complex on June 12 and 13, while the Polynesian Championships will be held in Tonga and the Melanesian Championships will be hosted by Papua New Guinea.

It will be the second straight



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In this file photo, the CNMI's Nick Gross gets ready for the javelin throw event in the 2018 Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships held at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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funding was appropriated for NMSA for the 2020 fiscal year.

NMSA, however, remains optimistic that its financial challenges will be resolved since the group has already submitted financial reports to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. NMSA met with SNILD chair Rep. John Paul

Sablan (R-Saipan) last week and handed over the financial reports for the Oleai Sports Complex and the lottery program.

The lawmakers pressed NMSA to turn in the financial reporters before they could discuss possible funding sources to keep the sports complex running. The facility will be the main hub for the 2021 Pacific Mini Games that the CNMI will be hosting for the first time.

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Yang. Lee and her teammate from India are seeded No. 7 in the doubles draw, which has Indonesia's Priska Nugroho and Hong Kong's Cody Wong as the top-ranked duo.

The world No. 28 Nugroho is also seeded first in the singles play, while China's Zuoxuan Bai (world No. 29) is at No. 2.

In the boys division, world No. 17 Bu Yunchaokete of China and No. 15 Shunsuke

time that the CNMI will host the Micronesian Regional, as the biennial event took place on Saipan just last year. The CNMI Team, which was divided into two groups (Saipan and Tinian athletes) combined for 10 gold medals, 16 silvers, and 18 bronzes in the 2018 meet. The 2020 competition will be a good test event for the Commonwealth's hosting of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games,

For next year's regional meet, the CNMI, Guam, Palau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Nauru can enter up to three athletes per event provided they have met the entry standards.

All entries must be submitted with verifiable results for all athletes. Failure to provide one may result in the entry

not being accepted. OAA, however, would like to encourage federations to send more than the quota of athletes. Final entry deadline will be on April 7, 2020 for the Micronesian meet.

All Regional Championships will be contested in the following division: senior, under 18 (athletes born in 2003, 2004 and 2005), under 20 (athletes born in 2001

or 2002), masters (athletes at least 30 years of age), and para (athletes with a national classification).

Events lined up are as follows: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles, 400m hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, hammer, javelin, shot put, and the 4x100m, 4x400m Relays, mixed 4x400m, and mixed medley relays.

6JMS Thunder vs Uncle Mel's Champino in finals

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6JMS Thunder and Uncle Mel's Champino made it to the finals of the Tuesday Division of the Saipan Electronics Dart Association Bud Light Cup.

6JMS TDI gained the first finals seat after topping 6JMS 90 Proofers in their semis game last week, 8-3. The Thunders took two wins apiece in the Partners 501 double in/double out, Singles Crazy or Random Cricket, Partners 701, and Singles Half It. Earlier in the first round of the playoffs, 6JMS TDI dominated 6JMS Shaka, 8-3, to set up a Final Four duel against 6JMS 90 Proofers.

Uncle Mel's Champino, on the other hand, got a bye in the opening round and automatically moved into the semis. It then took the second finals seat after edging 6JMS Just the Tip, 8-6. The Champinos took one win each in the Partners 501, Partners 701, and Partners



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Champino players pose for a photo before competing against 6JMS Just the Tip in the semis of the Tuesday Division of the Saipan Electronics Dart Association Bud Light Cup last week.

Regular Cricket, three in the Singles Crazy or Random Cricket, and two in the Singles Half It.

Uncle Mel's Champino and 6JMS Thunder were scheduled to duel in the finals last night, but results of their title showdown were

unavailable at press time.

In other results, the Bud Light Cup A Division is down to four teams with 6JMS Dragons, 6JMS 101 Proofers, 6JMS Hustlers, and Uncle Mel's Scorpions filling the semifinals seats.

The 6JMS Dragons defeated Jonny Ridin' Darry, 8-9, to gain entry to the semis, while the 6JMS 101 Proofers triumphed over 6JMS Mafia 1 9-5. 6JMS Dragons and 6JMS 101 Proofers will square off in the semis on Nov. 11, while the date of the other Final Four game between 6JMS Hustlers, and Uncle Mel's Scorpions has yet to be determined.

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tough team in the Group G qualifier. Thailand, which shut down Brunei last Monday in its first game, 9-0, will take on the CNMI in today's curtain-raiser at 3:30pm (6:30pm).

"Our heads are kept high. Not much to frown upon, as the team continues to improve. We try to stay healthy and as fit as possible to overcome the already challenging schedule. No one has gotten sick yet, one had cramps during the matches or trainings, a few battle wounds but otherwise the team is great," Zapanta added.

After its game against Thailand today, the CNMI will take a break tomorrow before returning to the National Olympic Stadium on Friday to meet ASEAN Football Federation U19 Championship runner-up Malaysia.

Malaysia edged Cambodia during the qualifier's opening day last weekend, 5-4.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's starting 11 pose for a photo before playing against Cambodia in Group G of the Asian Football Confederation U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers last Monday in Phnom Penh.

The hosts went on to recover quickly from the sorry loss after drawing a hat trick from

forward Sieng Chanthea and two goals apiece from Lim Pisoth and Thy Lieng in their

game against the CNMI. Ly Mael and Wut Tola were the other scorers for Cambodia.



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Carol wins opener in Korea



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Carol Lee is all smiles after winning her first match in the 2019 Seogwipo Asia/Oceania Closed Junior Championships last Monday in Jeju, South Korea.

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The CNMI's Carol Lee swept her way to the second round of the 2019 Seogwipo Asia/Oceania Closed Junior Championships last Monday in Jeju, South Korea.

Lee needed only two sets to beat South Korean qualifier Minseo Kim, 6-4, 6-2, and advance to Round 2 of the hard court tourna-
ment.

The Commonwealth player is seeded No. 13 in the Grade B1 competition (fourth highest in the ITF Juniors Circuit), which will award 280 world ranking points to the singles champion and 210 to the doubles winners. The 17-year-old Lee entered the high-level event ranked No. 128 and with a career singles record of 111-51 and 21-11 this season.



After eliminating her un-
known opponent, Lee will next face either Chinese-
Taipei's Chao Yi Wang or

Korean player, Hwui Won Wi. Wang and Wi were scheduled to duel in one of the nine remaining first round matches yesterday, but results of their game were unavailable at press time.

Also pending were the results of Lee and Vipasha Mehra's doubles tiff against the South Korean pair of Hui Geyong Kim and Se Yeon

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Oleai Sports Complex still open despite lack of budget

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The Oleai Sports Complex will remain open indefinitely despite the absence of funding from the government for over a month now.

According to Northern Marianas Sports Association, the organization tasked with the maintenance of the sports complex, it has decided to keep the facilities (Gilbert C. Ada Gym-

nasium, track oval, and Francisco M. Palacio Ballfield) open to accommodate visitors from Japan and Korea, who made reservations for their spring training.

NMSA has also opted to keep the facilities operational, as there are ongoing leagues and upcoming competitions and events, such as the Super American Circus, which will



have its show next week. Meanwhile, the Japanese and Korean groups are expected to arrive in December and will utilize the Oleai Sports Complex indefinitely, so NMSA has decided against closing the facility despite the financial issues that arose due to CNMI government's austerity measures. No

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Players in action in the 2019 Avengers Volleyball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The Ada Gym and other facilities at the Oleai Sports Complex will remain open to accommodate various tournaments and events.

Learning process continues for Teen Ayuyus

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The CNMI Boys U19 National Team has moved on from a loss to host Cambodia and is determined to make up for its mistakes when it takes on Thailand today in the continuation of the Asian Football Confederation U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers in Phnom Penh.

The Teen Ayuyus were humbled by Cambodia, 9-0, last Monday or just two days after the CNMI boys engaged Brunei in a close game.

"The boys played hard though we felt they could push a bit more. The days of 'parking the bus' is no longer a thought, as we try to develop our own style of play and compete internationally," team manager Ruselle Zapanta said.

"The majority of the match

went well, as we tried to execute the game plan. But when mistakes were made, we were punished and gave up goals we



otherwise should have not conceded," he added.

Despite the defeat, Zapanta said the Teen Ayuyus are still in high spirits



The CNMI's Thaiphi Austria, third left, stays close on defense against Cambodia's Ath Ontoch during the first half of their game in Group G of the Asian Football Confederation U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers last Monday in Phnom Penh.

and will take all the lessons they learned from their game against Cambodia when they challenge Thailand, another

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